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LAVAL SEES HITLER

Hitler yesterday received Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier, according to the German wireless. Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, was present at the interview.

Hitler is at present somewhere in France, where he received Laval, the German wireless announced later, but the actual meeting place was not revealed.

Meanwhile despatches from Berlin received in New York agree that Ribbentrop has left the German capital.

He is generally believed to be on his way to Vichy or Madrid or both and it is hinted that a final peace settlement with the Petain Government may be in the wind. —Reuter.

Comment Of French Ambassador

On leaving the office of Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, after a talk yesterday, M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador, told waiting reporters he had not the slightest information, direct or indirect, about reports that France might enter the war on Germany's side.

The Ambassador was understood to have discussed a proposal to send additional United States observers to Martinique.

M. Haye declined to comment directly on the report but said the American and French Governments were trying to determine what to do with the 100 American-made warplanes which the French aircraft-carrier Bearn had taken there.

In answer to questions about the Vichy Government's reaction to Mr. Churchill's address, M. Haye said: "I don't know. I only know my own. I was very much impressed but if he had said something about easing the blockade for the benefit of French women and children, that would touch the French people very much." —Reuter.

WEYGAND AT FEZ

General Weygand flew to Fez on Monday to review the troops of the local garrison, stated the Vichy radio yesterday. —Reuter.

H.M.S. KIMBERLEY IN RED SEA SCRAP

Italian Destroyer Blown Up

NO MAGINOT COMPLEX IN BRITISH ARMY

"The war can never be won without a military decision, in east or west or on both fronts. That is why we are building up a great army," said Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, speaking in London yesterday.

"It must be an army of superior efficiency. If the army is a happy family there will be no Maginot complex." —Reuter.

THE ITALIAN DESTROYER FRANCESCO NULLO WAS FORCED A GROUND AND BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO FIRED FROM THE BRITISH DESTROYER KIMBERLEY IN A SPIRITED ACTION IN THE RED SEA.

This was revealed in an official Admiralty communique issued in London last night giving an entirely different complexion to the action as reported by Rome.

During the night of Sunday/Monday, relates the Admiralty, one of our convoys in the Red Sea was attacked by two Italian destroyers who fired torpedoes at the escorting vessels and shelled the convoy.

Our escorting vessels immediately opened fire on the enemy and gave chase.

Contact was temporarily lost but H.M.S. Kimberley (com-

manded by Lt-Comm J. A. M. Richardson, R.N.) regained touch at daylight and engaged one enemy destroyer identified as the Francesco Nullo.

After an action lasting 40 minutes the Italian destroyer, having been heavily damaged, ran ashore and was blown up by a torpedo fired from Kimberley.

Kimberley Hit

Kimberley came under the fire of a shore battery of three guns and received one hit, splinters from which damaged a steam pipe and reduced her speed.

Kimberley succeeded, however, in silencing two out of the three shore guns.

In this spirited action Kimberley sustained three wounded, and the next of kin will be informed

SMALL SCALE AIR RAIDS

Enemy air attacks on Britain yesterday were on a very small scale, says an Air Ministry communique issued in London last evening.

A few sporadic raids were made in the morning by single enemy aircraft on several towns on the south-east coast and some damage was done.

In two towns houses were demolished and a few people were killed or injured.

A force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast in the afternoon near Dungeness. They were promptly intercepted by strong forces of our fighters and were unable to penetrate to the London area.

Reports so far received show that in this attack very little damage was done though a few bombs were dropped on a south-east town. —Reuter.

as soon as possible. No other ship, either escorting vessel or in convoy, received any damage. —Reuter.

NO GENERAL EXODUS OF BRITONS IN EAST EXPECTED

THE NEWS THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE ADVISING BRITONS WHO HAVE NO SPECIAL REASON FOR STAYING IN JAPANESE-OCCUPIED AREAS IN CHINA TO LEAVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED CALMLY IN SHANGHAI.

No general exodus is expected unless more definite instructions are forthcoming.

Only about 90 Americans in the Tientsin area have indicated their wish to evacuate within the next few months, it is learned from official American sources in Shanghai.

There are about 700 United States nationals resident in the Tientsin area.

London's view is that those Britons who can should leave both China and Japan.

"While Going Is Good"

Any British subjects in Japan whose duties do not entail their staying would obviously be well advised to leave "while the going is good," although there has been no question of Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, putting into effect his emergency scheme for the evacuation of British subjects from Japan. It was stated in well-informed quarters in London yesterday, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent,

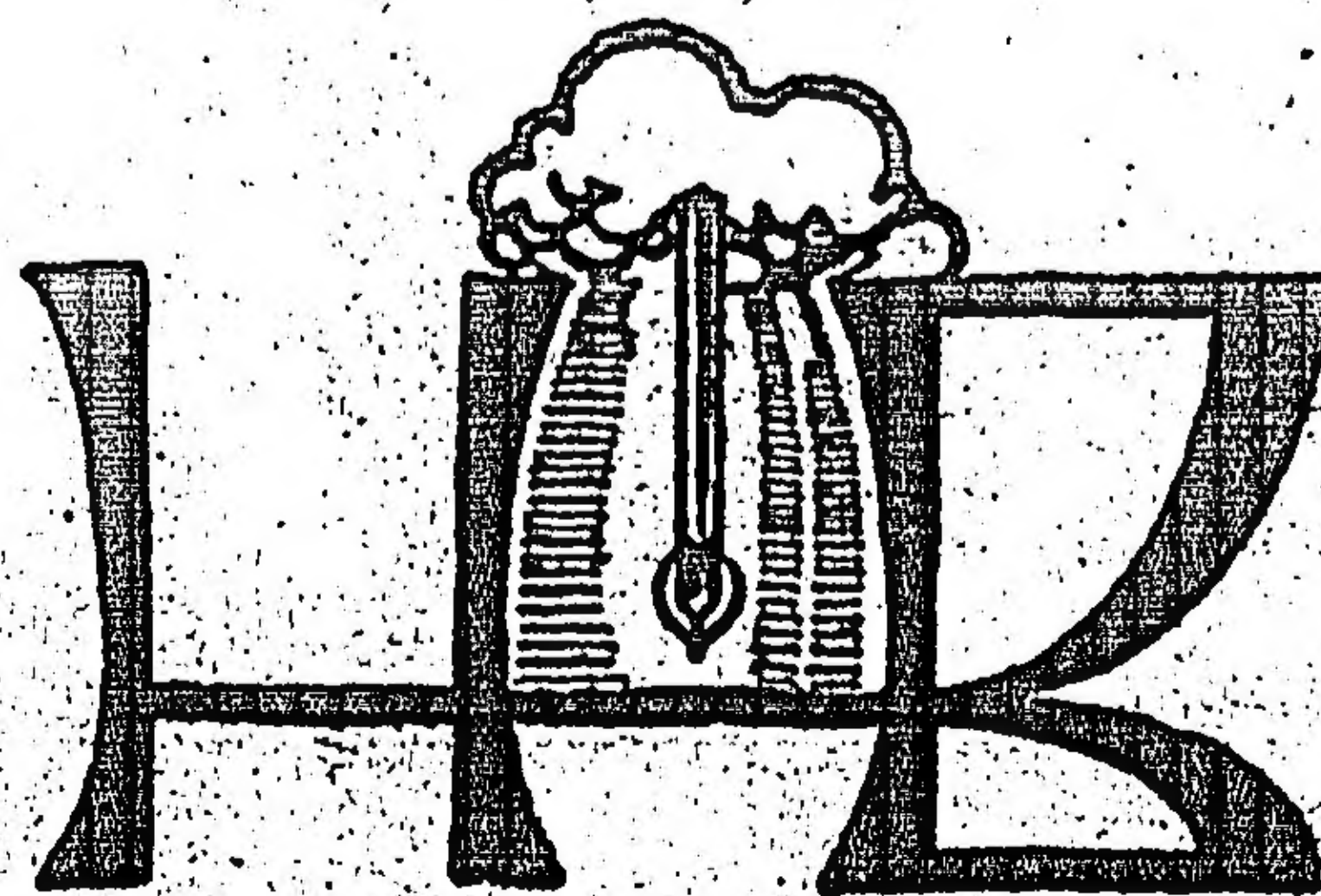
There has been no change in the immediate situation and British subjects who have businesses are carrying on to the best of their ability. —Reuter.

ATHLONE'S VISIT TO ROOSEVELT

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, were engaged in animated conversation as they walked down the platform from the train on which the Governor-General returned from his week-end visit to the Roosevelts at Hyde Park, N.Y., yesterday.

It is not the custom that any Vice-Regal statement should be made but it is understood the visit was most satisfactory and pleasant in every way. —Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

STAGE SET FOR GRAZIANI

Great Strengthening Of British Army In Desert Skirmishes Between Armoured Units

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With the British Army in the Western Desert)

A MARKED STRENGTHENING OF THE BRITISH DEFENCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT WAS THE CHIEF IMPRESSION LEFT BY A VISIT I HAVE JUST MADE TO THIS FRONT.

Present military activity is not large, consisting chiefly of skirmishes and brief clashes between forward armoured units, but it is reasonable to suppose that an Italian advance may be ordered by Marshal Graziani in the near future.

Italian planes are busy photographing what is visible of the enormously increased British defence posts while the R.A.F. daily pounds the Italian rear between Sidi Barrani and Benghazi.

The Italians attempt to retaliate with raids on desert camps, which are excellently camouflaged, hence casualties are extremely small.

General Gallina, who now appears to be second-in-command to Marshal Graziani, has encountered difficulties in preparing his troops for a further advance into Egypt, as Moslem troops are reluctant to further invade Egypt.

The reluctance has increased as many of General Gallina's troops are pure Egyptians who settled in Cyrenaica, being subsequently conscripted.

Senussi Tribes

A large number of Libyan troops are of the Senussi tribe which is notably lukewarm in its support of the Italians.

Hence the advance appears likely to be delayed until after the Feasts of Ramadan and Bairam, which conclude 16 days hence.

Full use of the difficult desert terrain has been made in the British defence system on the preparation of which the British troops enthusiastically engaged.

Quiet Confidence

Everywhere quiet confidence is expressed. New Zealand troops particularly are pleased at being in the war zone after their long training near Cairo.

Great underground defence works have been constructed beneath the desert by the British army. Almost perfect cover is assured for tents and equipment to such an extent that Italian bombers frequently unload their bombs on the desert at random in the hope of hitting something.

Entire Bedouin tribes have been seen trekking from the war zone driving herds and flocks before them.

They are no embarrassment to the military authorities for they are mainly nomadic and able to find a living almost anywhere.—Reuter.

FRENCH IN ARMY OF KENYA

THE FREE FRENCH COMMUNITY OF KENYA HAS PRESENTED AN AMBULANCE TO GENERAL DICKENSEN, THE G.O.C.

In accepting the gift, the G.O.C. said it was only one sign of the magnificent effort free Frenchmen were making.

He was glad to say that quite a number of free French were serving in his army.—Reuter.

ITALIANS AGAIN RAID ALEXANDRIA

Enemy aircraft again dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of Alexandria early yesterday morning, says a naval communiqué.

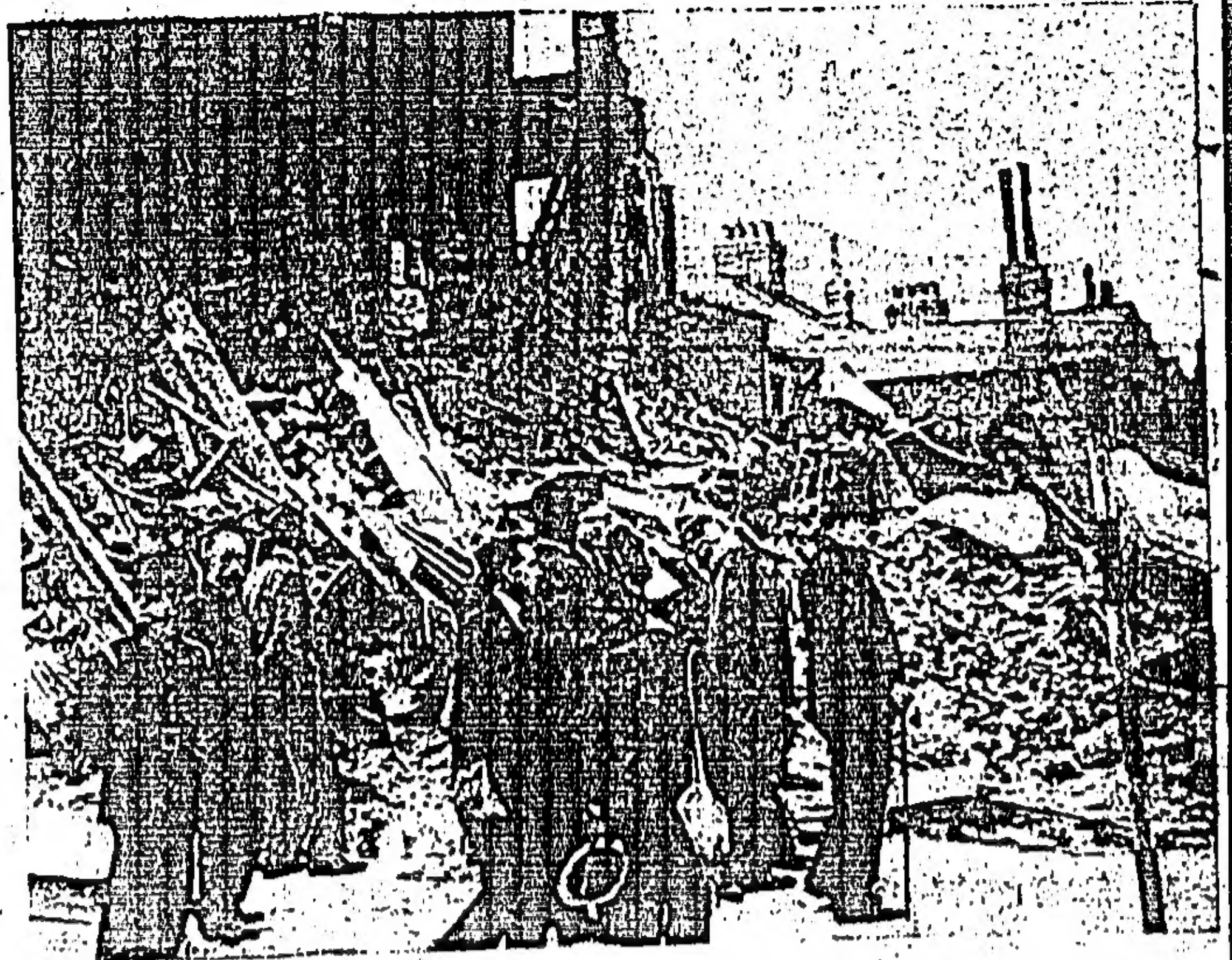
Very slight damage was caused. Only casualty was one person slightly injured.—Reuter.

INDIA'S EFFORTS TO AID BRITAIN

AMONG THE LATEST EMPIRE WAR GIFTS IS A SUM OF £21,000 FROM ASSAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR FIGHTER PLANES, WHILE THE WAR SAVINGS FUND IN CALCUTTA HAS NOW SENT £367,500 TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A Lahore message says that the leader of a large Moslem organisation has offered to buy a fighter and also the services of 50,000 volunteers.

The Governor of the North-West Frontier Provinces has received a pledge of loyalty from the ruler and people of Chitral.—Reuter.



Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by officials, inspecting the damage caused by German bombing in the East End of London. (Copyright, Fox).

AXIS SCRAMBLING FOR RESOURCES FOR LONG WAR

EVERY MOVE OF THE Axis powers in the Balkans, in their expectation of a speedy victory, is now directed to the acquisition of resources from the Near East and Africa which the blockade denies them, declared the London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday in an editorial on the Eastern Group Supply Conference to be opened in New Delhi on Friday.

The "Telegraph" adds the Far East also, if they can invent the means, is to pay them tribute.

While the Dictators prate thus of establishing a new order, a new world order has already come into being.

The free Empire of our British Commonwealth is marshalling its united strength for a war effort such as civilisation has never known.

After referring to the industrial possibilities of the countries represented at the conference, the paper adds that these Empire countries, with little other assistance, provide for the British armies of the Near East through a major campaign.

Empire Soon To Deploy

Our own resources and those which we draw from Canada and the Western Hemisphere will be free to strike where their blows will be most deadly.

The strength of the unity of the free Empire has never been understood by the Dictators. It will soon deploy against them resources which no schemes or drives of theirs can match.—Reuter.

KING'S NEW MILITARY AIDES

A NEW HONOUR FOR BRITISH ARMY LEADERS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE LAST NIGHT IN THE FORM OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AS AIDES-DE-CAMP GENERAL TO THE KING.

General Viscount Gort, with effect from July 20, in succession to General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has been promoted Field-Marshal.

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, with effect from June 16, in succession to General Sir William Bartholomew, who has

DE GAULLE MAKESTOUR OF AFRICA

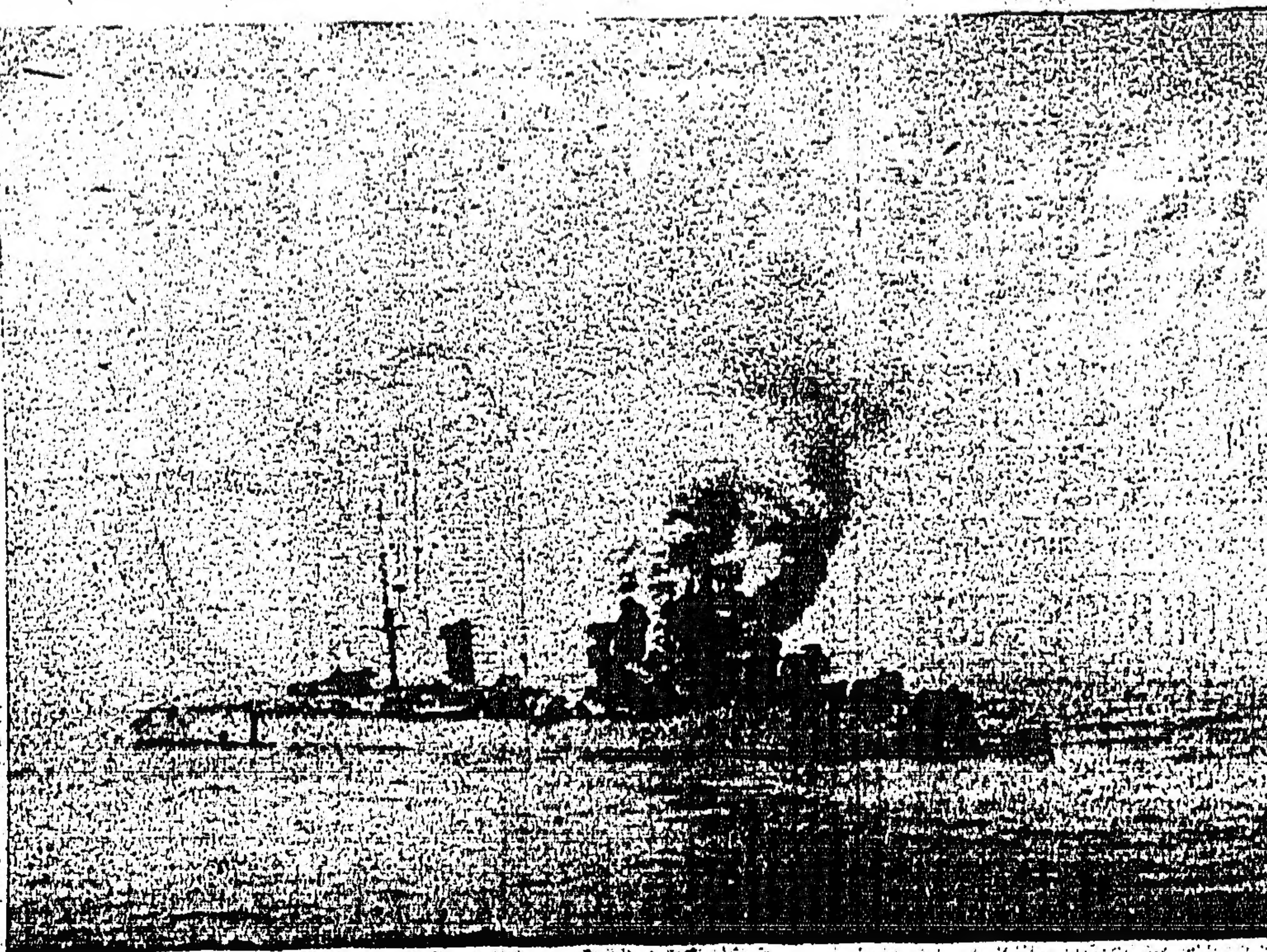
General de Gaulle, Leader of Free Frenchmen, has just concluded a tour of French Equatorial Africa, including the interior of the Cameroons and the Chad region.

At Yaounde, capital of the Cameroons, and Port Lamy, capital of Chad, and numerous other places which the party visited by plane, General de Gaulle was enthusiastically welcomed by the European and native population; local chiefs often coming from afar to affirm their loyalty.

Perhaps the most moving moment of the whole tour was a meeting at the Governor's headquarters at Fort Lamy between General de Gaulle and General Catroux, former Governor of Indo-China, who went especially from London to assure General de Gaulle of his full support and bearing new evidence of Britain's will and growing power to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

General Catroux has left for England again, while General de Gaulle is back in Duala.—Reuter.

retired from the active list. General Sir John Dill, with effect from July 1, in succession to General Sir Walter Kirke, who has retired from the active list.—Reuter.



Picture taken at the sinking of the Italian six-inch cruiser, Bartolomeo Colonna, by H.M.A.S. Sydney in the Mediterranean. Sydney, accompanied by a small destroyer force, engaged two Italian cruisers to the north west of Crete. The latter withdrew with the British in pursuit. It is plain that the Bartolomeo Colonna has felt the weight of the British guns. Her bows are blown clean away. (Copyright, Fox).

New German Warships In Dock At Hamburg Heavily Bombed

A Thousand Incendiaries Dropped

ENEMY WARSHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE BLOHM AND VOSS SHIP-BUILDING YARDS AT HAMBURG WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT BY R.A.F. BOMBERS, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

High explosive and over 1,000 fire bombs were dropped on the shipyard and docks in the immediate vicinity in a raid which began soon after 8 p.m. and continued for more than an hour.



Furniture and belongings to residents in a bombed London area assembled in the roadway next morning. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. 'PLANE SCORES DIRECT HIT

An enemy merchant vessel of nearly 2,000 tons was successfully bombed three miles off the Hook of Holland by an R.A.F. 'plane yesterday afternoon.

After sighting the enemy vessel the British bomber dived through the clouds and dropped a stick of high explosive bombs from a height of 900 feet, scoring a direct hit on the bow of the vessel, announces the Air Ministry.—Reuter.

CIVILIAN DEFENCE MEDALS

John German, a part-time Bolton air raid warden who, although wounded in an air raid, struggled to his post and collapsed but got his message through, has been awarded the George Medal. It was announced in the "London Gazette" last night.

The George Medal is also awarded to a Birmingham auxiliary fireman and to members of the Bristol and Cardiff fire brigades and auxiliary fire services. It was awarded to the chief officer of the Milford Haven fire brigade, and the medal of the Order of the British Empire to a Bristol auxiliary fireman and a member of the Newry fire brigade.

All these awards are in recognition of gallant conduct during very serious fires started by hostile air attack. While it was being fought there were further air raids, day and night, and the firemen were machine-gunned as well as bombed.—Reuter.

A heavy ground haze, great searchlight activity and intense anti-aircraft fire made conditions difficult for the raiding crews but by making individual attacks from different directions and heights they were able to evade the ground defences and press home their attacks.

Many fires broke out in the shipyard and surrounding docks and in one place a chain of fires became one great flaming mass.

Oil Refinery Ablaze

Heavy bombers made a lightning raid on an oil refinery at Reisholz, near Duesseldorf, at 6.30 p.m.

For ten minutes high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained on the plant and 14 separate fires were counted in the target area.

Many explosions and fires were started in railway yards at Duesseldorf and Derendorf and bombs were also dropped on the main line south-west of Duesseldorf and an aerodrome at Stade.—Reuter.

WIDESPREAD R.A.F. OPERATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST

AN ITALIAN DESTROYER IN THE RED SEA WAS ATTACKED ON MONDAY BY R.A.F. BOMBERS AND A DIRECT HIT ON THE VESSEL'S STERN WAS SCORED.

This was only part of widespread operations by the R.A.F. in the Middle East on Monday, says the Air Ministry.

Near Solium low level attacks on enemy working parties and motor transport were carried out. A number of military vehicles was destroyed by fire and others severely damaged.

Several R.A.F. bombing raids were carried out on Asmara and Gura, in Eritrea, when tankers near workshops were hit and buildings set on fire. Two raids were made on Bahardar (Lake Tana) in Italian East Africa, on the aerodrome, causing three explosions.

Chased 30 Miles

An Italian plane intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. air-

CANADA'S NAVAL BUILDING

SIX MORE LARGE STEAM-DRIVEN MINE-SWEEPERS AT A COST OF ABOUT £120,000 EACH HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CANADIAN MUNITIONS MINISTER, MR. C. D. HOWE, YESTERDAY.

This brings the number of vessels in Canada's major shipbuilding programme to 98, involving a cost of more than £12,000,000 and consisting of 34 mine-sweepers for the Canadian Navy, ten corvettes for the Royal Navy and 54 corvettes for the Canadian Navy.

A very substantial proportion of these 98 ships will have been launched before the end of this year.—Reuter.

EASIER TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Trading was slow on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and although there was a general easier disposition there were no signs of selling pressure throughout the session. Home rails, however, again moved against the general trend due to further provincial buying interest.

LORD LOTHIAN SEES THE KING

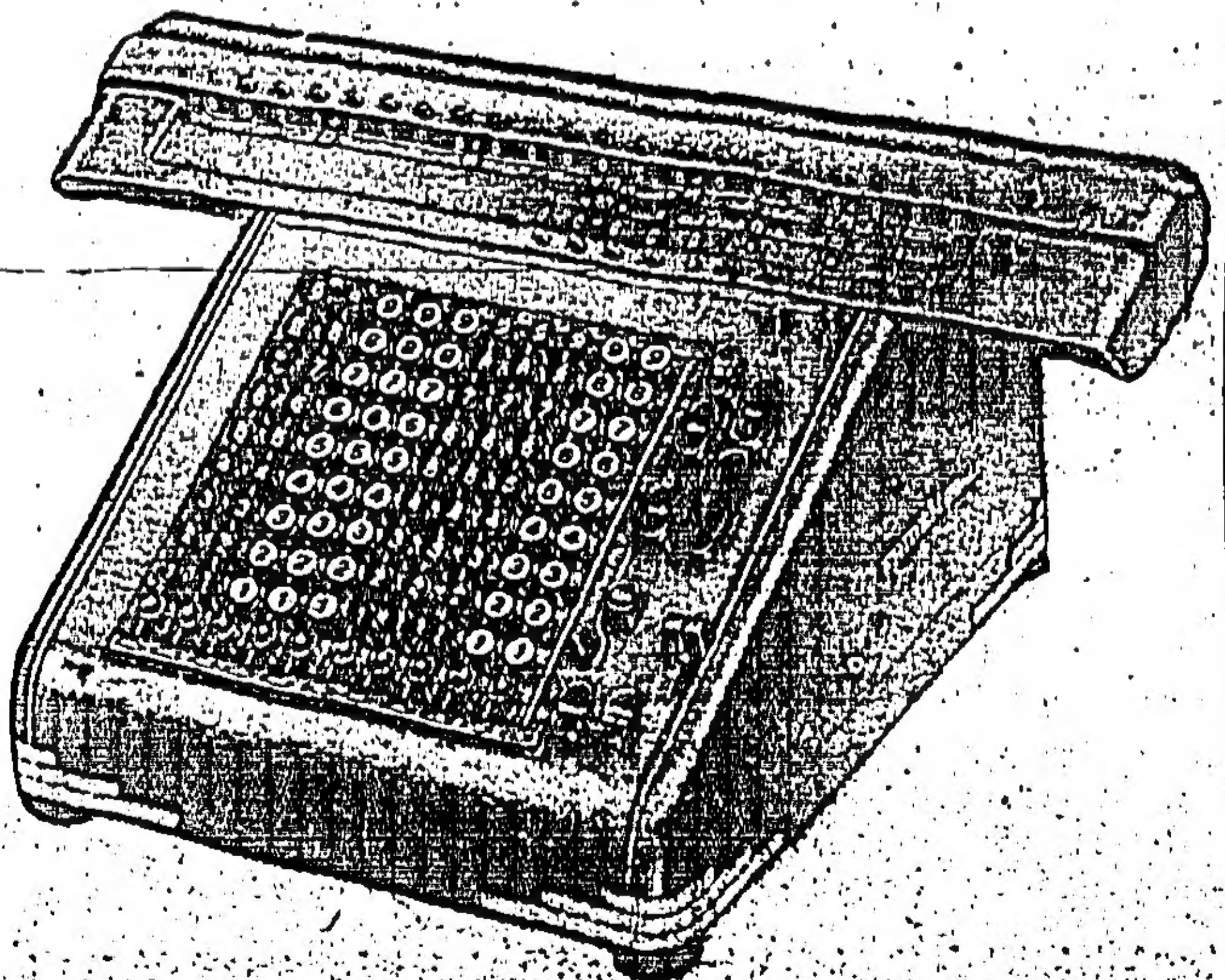
Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, who is in London, was received by the King yesterday.

His Majesty also received Mr. Winston Churchill who remained to lunch.—Reuter.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.—Reuter.

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America's Popular Ambassador Off To Washington

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, United States Ambassador in London, left England yesterday for Lisbon where he is taking the Clipper for New York.

In a farewell message just as he was leaving the Embassy in London, Mr. Kennedy said: "I would like to tell them over there how it is here. I have been through it all and have the greatest admiration for Londoners."

One of the Ambassador's last acts before leaving was to inspect a parade of the local mounted branch of the Home Guard in his country house where he was heartily cheered.

Another evidence that his admiration for the British is reciprocated is revealed in an article by the well-known political writer, Beverley Baxter.

The latter, commenting on Mr. Kennedy's work on behalf of Anglo-American friendship, says that when the Ambassador arrived with his charming wife and large family he captured the imagination of the British public.

Everything he said and did enhanced the affection of those of us who knew him and the esteem of the whole nation.

A Great Ambassador

After the war began and Mr. Kennedy went home he did not play the role we had, perhaps rather foolishly, expected. He steadfastly remained an American Ambassador instead of becoming a British one.

The result was that his popularity underwent a slump but to his eternal credit he did not become embittered.

Now, for no other reason than true recognition of his character, his popularity has come back.

It has nothing to do with his family, his golf or his smile. It is more solid and enduring. He has earned the respect due to a great American Ambassador who never for a moment mistook the country to which he was accredited for the country of his birth.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY DEMANDS

A complete overhaul of the Australian war and home defence administration and an increase in soldiers' pay are among demands being made by the official Labour Party.

They are contained in a letter handed to the Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, by Mr. Curtin, Labour Leader, at the conference of party managers yesterday which is discussing the proposal for a national government.

The conference held a secret session in the morning and there was another meeting later to Mr. Menzies' reply to Labour's demands.—Reuter.

KENYA SKIRMISH

A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST AN ENEMY POST NEAR THE KENYA FRONTIER WAS ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

The communique says one of our ground patrols attacked an enemy post at Dukana, near the Kenya border, 70 miles from Lake Rudolf.

The enemy withdrew, leaving five dead as well as camels and equipment. Our casualties were one killed and one wounded.—Reuter.

POLISH PATRIOT KILLED

Maciej Rataj, distinguished Polish political leader and patriot, has been killed by the Gestapo, according to Polish circles in London yesterday.

He is stated to have been murdered five months ago but the news has only just become known.

The official German version is that he died from heart failure but according to Polish circles in London he died after third degree torture.

For many years Rataj was Speaker of the Polish Parliament and leader of the biggest political party, the Radical Peasants Party.—Reuter.

ITALY DECLINES TO APOLOGISE

"In bombing oil properties on Bahrain Island, Italy was exercising the right of war."

This was the comment made in authorised Rome circles yesterday on the protest filed with the United States State Department by the California Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company against the alleged bombing of American owned oil properties.

The Italian view is said to be that, firstly, Bahrain Island being

AUSTRALIA TO HAVE MIXED WAR COUNCIL

An important step for the realisation of party political unity in Australia for the prosecution of the war was made by the conference of party managers yesterday when they accepted the Labour Party proposal for the formation of an Australian War Council.

Labour members of the Council will comprise three from the official Labour Party and one from the Non-Communist Labour Party.

The Council, over which the Premier will preside, will be established without delay.

The Premier revealed in a press interview that he had offered the combined Labour parties 40 per cent. of the portfolios in the National Government a week ago but this matter had not been discussed further.—Reuter.

Historic Decision

Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, stated that the decision to set up the Council was "a historic one and significant of the united determination of the Australian people and political parties to do their utmost in the war in which their very existence is at stake."

The Council will comprise four members representing the Government and four of the opposition. Its task will be to assist and advise in the Commonwealth's war effort.

The Labour Party has agreed to place the services of its individual members at the disposal of Ministers for the prosecution of the war.—Reuter.

a British protectorate, companies exploiting oil there are juridically British, and, secondly, "England thanks to the treaty conclude with the local Emir, has political and economic supremacy on the island."—Reuter.

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FARES RAMP MAY CAUSE POLITICAL CRISIS

DEMANDS BY THE railway companies for further increases in fares threaten to provoke a political crisis and to disorganise the economic policy of the Government.

All over the country, Trade Union, Labour Party and Co-operative bodies are organising opposition to this new attempt to sacrifice the wage-earners to the interests of railway shareholders. They are securing support from all sections of public opinion. Local authorities, particularly in the Greater London area, where fares are a heavy burden, are organising protests. A number of employers' organisations are also joining in the opposition.

Members of Parliament are getting many letters of protest.

Increasing support is being given to the demand for nationalisation of the railways as the only way of preventing further attempts to hold the public up to ransom.

The Ministry of Labour cost of living index allows only half per cent. of the family income for fares. In the case of men working in the big towns, this figure—representing 6d. a week to the man with a wage of 50s.—is totally contrary to the facts. The Unions who know the heavy expense of travelling to many of

their members will not be content with such artificial statistics.

There is also the additional factor that increased freight charges will force up prices of a wide range of goods.

The Government is willing to increase present subsidies on basic foods up to £250,000,000 a year, in order to prevent the risk of inflation which will follow a chase of wages after soaring prices.

Yet the railway companies, as a result of the agreement concluded by the Chamberlain Government, are being allowed to destroy the effects of this policy. If the railways were nationalised, transport costs could be assessed not in relation to shareholders' claims but as part of general Government policy.

The London war Vigilance Committee, representing the London Trades Council, the London Labour Party and the four London Cooperative Societies, have already demanded an investigation by the Select Committee of the House of Commons of the £40,000,000 Government guarantee to the railways.

TWO BAN SPITFIRE FUNDS

Two first citizens, the Lord Provost of Glasgow and the Mayor of Southgate, have decided not to open Spitfire funds.

Glasgow believes that it is the Government's duty to provide all the necessary equipment for the R.A.F.

Explaining this decision Lord Provost Dollan pointed out that while wonderful service is admittedly being given by the Air-arm, equally gallant service is given wherever required by the Army, Navy and Mercantile Marine.

Glasgow's official war fund will therefore continue to concentrate on providing additional comforts, in which the R.A.F. will share fully with the other national Services.

This decision has the full approval of R.A.F. officials as well as of all groups associated with the city's special effort.

It already totals over £66,000. The Mayor of Southgate, Councillor Robert Grant, explaining his decision, has made a statement in which he says that he thinks that the initiative of such schemes is due to the admiration and gratitude which is felt for the heroic courage and skill of our airmen. "I think the most worthy way to show our gratitude is to support those efforts which have for their object the amelioration of the lot of those who because of the war suffer hardships, illness, physical and mental disablement, bereavement."

Southgate squadron of the Air Defence Cadet Corps has organised its own Spitfire fund and raised over £150.

BABY LEFT IN RAILWAY CARRIAGE

Described as a "domestic help and shop assistant," a single woman was charged at Basingstoke with abandoning her 14-day-old baby.

She was Anne Taylor Hill, of Warwick-way, Victoria, London, and it was said she left the child in a first-class compartment of a train for Bournemouth.

Percy Branksome said that Hill said she had been over-carried from Basingstoke, where she arranged to meet a man named McClure.

Father Killed

He told her the time of the next train to Basingstoke, but did not see her enter the train.

The probation officer said that Hill's home was in Scotland and she came from respectable parents. She had been in Palestine for two years as a child's nurse, and returned to this country in November.

She told witness that the child's father was killed in Palestine. She was bound over for one year.

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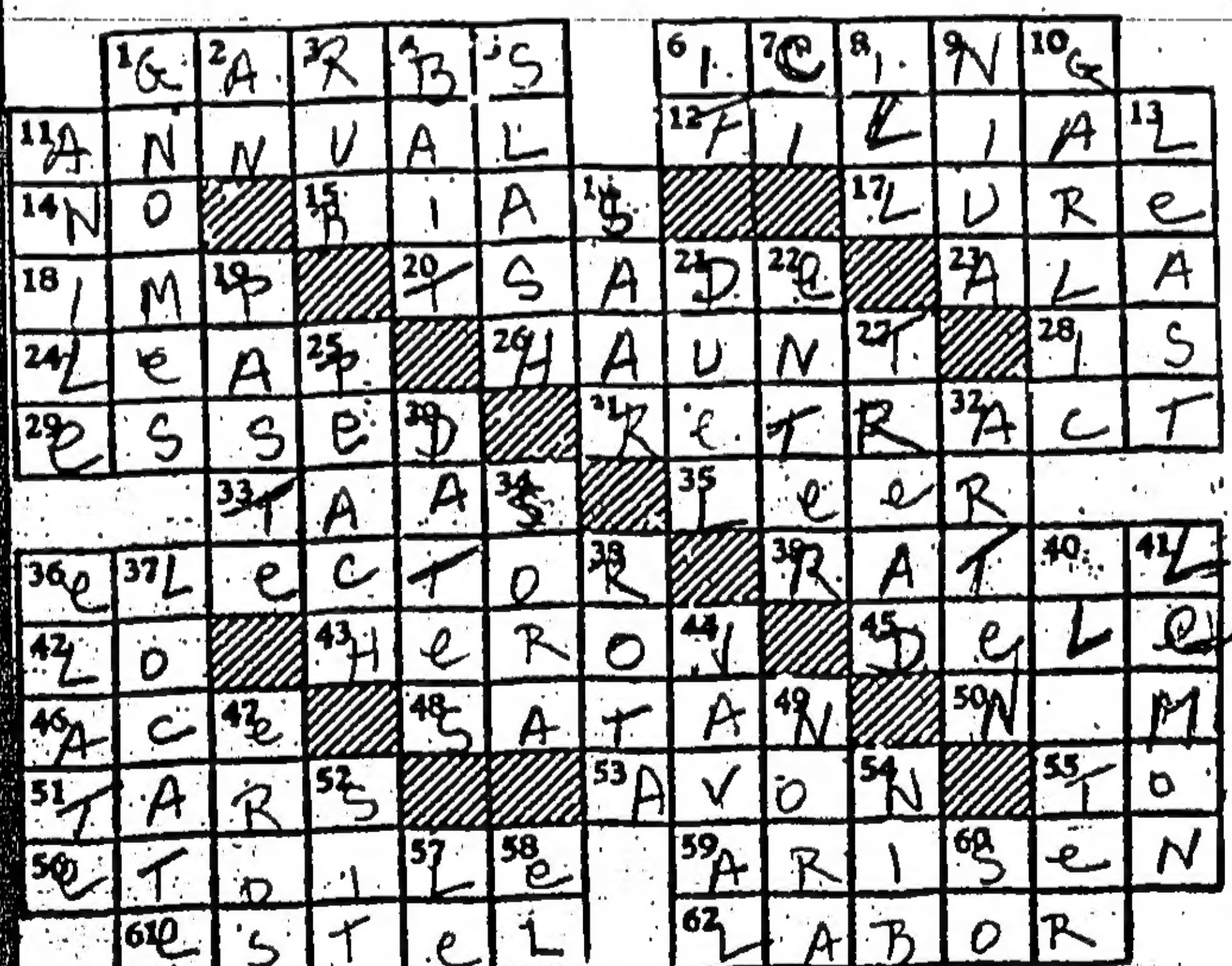


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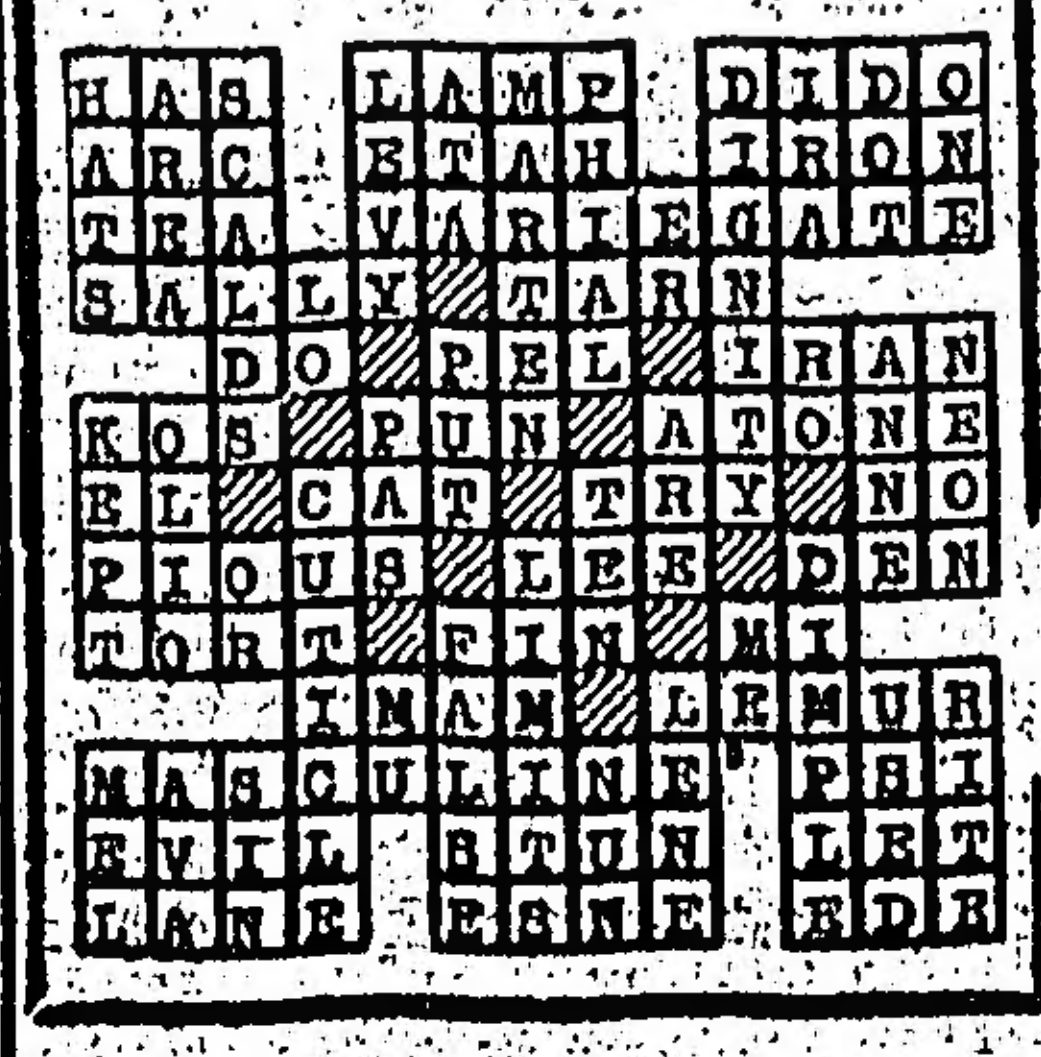
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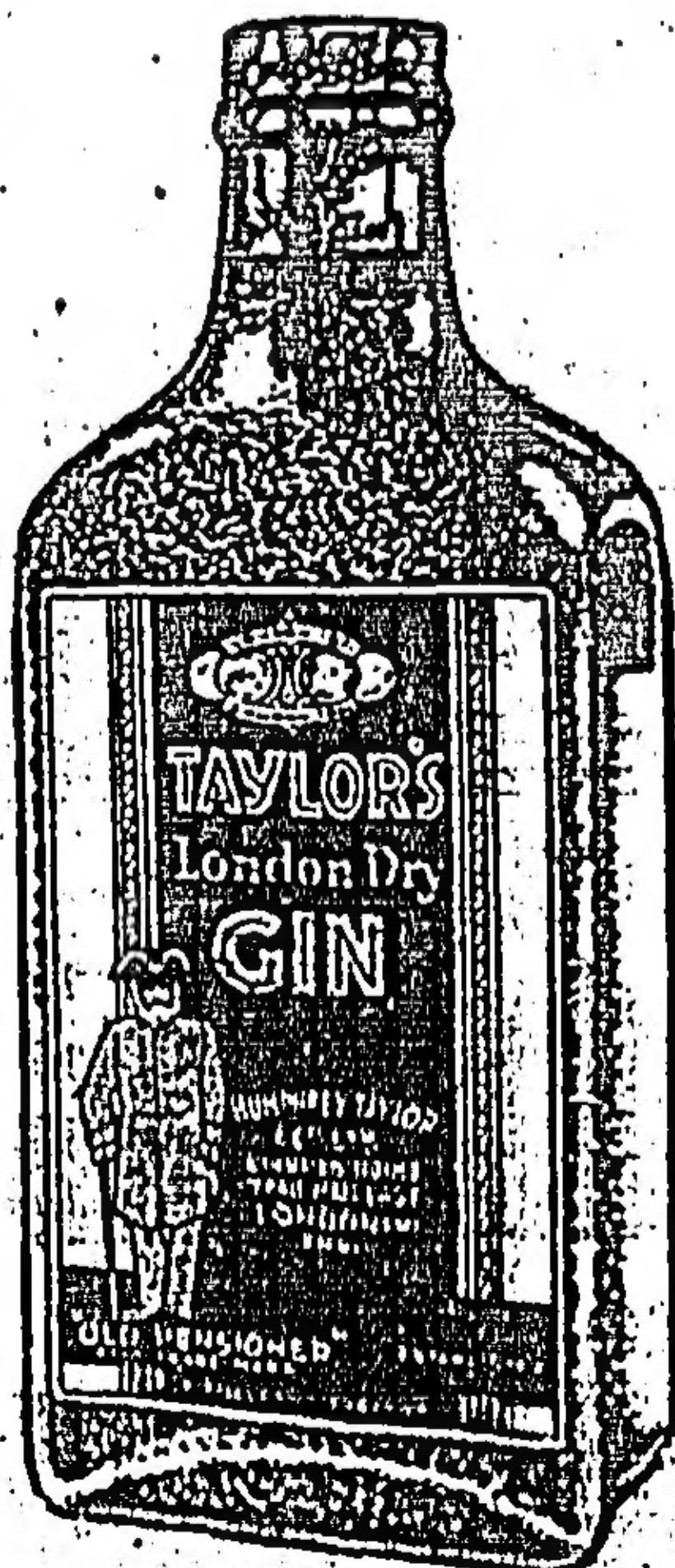
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CHILDREN LEFT IN LINER

TWO CHILDREN were accidentally left behind in the torpedoed evacuee liner when the 600 passengers took to the boats after the vessel had been attacked by a U-boat in the Atlantic during her voyage to Canada.

The children are safe after their double adventure, which was revealed when the torpedoed ship was safely beached by tugs.

The two evacuees—an eleven-year-old Scottish boy and a little English girl—were found in cabins in different parts of the ship on the morning after all their comrades had been taken off in lifeboats.

Went To Sleep

Separated from their companions, it is thought they had gone to sleep again after the explosion of the torpedo.

Officials of the evacuee party admitted that the two children had been left behind, but declined to give their names or to discuss the incident.

The disabled ship was brought home by a skeleton crew of sixty, among whom the two children had the time of their lives.

The children brought home with them several souvenirs, including a collection of photographs of the officers of the ship.

Few Called Off

The parents of the evacuees—all of whom are now safe—are showing the same indomitable spirit as their children.

A few messages were received at the Overseas Reception Board's headquarters asking that children should be withdrawn from consideration for a second Dominion voyage.

But there was also a stream of telegrams backing up the expressed desires of the children themselves that they might again be allowed to sail.

Every request for a second voyage will be complied with. Meanwhile the children will be sent to their homes till shipping accommodation is ready for them.

Most of them will leave the northern port and both on the journey, and in London and other principal centres at which they arrive, they will be looked after by a full staff of escorts.

WEALTHY CHINESE KIDNAPPED

A wealthy Chinese was carried away in Shanghai when four men, armed with Mauser pistols, stopped his car in Avenue Road, a few steps from Hart Road, and took him away in a Johnson Hire Garage taxi.

The crime took place at about 10.55 a.m. when Mr. Yao Vee-yu, manager of Woo Shing Tobacco Company, was travelling in his private car along Avenue Road. Near the corner of Hart Road, the car was stopped by the men, three of whom jumped out of the taxi and pushed the victim in, driving away in a westerly direction.

The four men hired the taxi at the Johnson's Kinechow Road garage and instructed the chauffeur to drive to Avenue Road. Near the corner of Hart Road they stopped and awaited their victim, who was proceeding to the company's sales office in Newchwang Road. The chauffeur of the taxi was then pushed out and the car was driven away by one of the kidnapers.

The taxi driver reported the case to Bubbling Well police station where detectives started investigating immediately. It was believed that the criminals were well acquainted with the victim's movements since they knew the streets he used in going to his office. No political motive is being attached to the crime and it is thought that ransom is the only reason for the kidnapping.

CATHOLIC SISTERS' ESCAPE

Eighteen French sisters, serving in a Catholic hospital in Chengtu, the largest French institution in Chengtu, narrowly escaped death by assembling in a small church in the centre of the hospital when Japanese air bombs blasted both wings of the building. The sisters emerged later with Chinese nurses to aid in relief work after the Nippon air raiders roared away.

—Associated Press.

ALL READY FOR FORCED LANDINGS

Scores of emergency landing fields are to be seen along the Channel coast of France and Belgium, according to a neutral correspondent with the German Air Force, who made a four-days trip, by car and plane, conducted by the German High Command.

There were few signs of any expeditionary force which the Germans might be planning to launch against England. On three occasions, pieces of the biggest artillery were seen, but the only troop trains were going eastwards.

BRITISH LEGION AND C.O.'S

Wood Green branch of the British Legion has passed a resolution of protest which it is sending to the Government against employment of conscientious objectors in Government Departments.

The resolution states that the branch "views with disgust the special treatment meted out to conscientious objectors in Government Departments" and asks for their immediate removal.

BROTHER'S MURDERER SENTENCED

An 18-year-old murderer of his older brother and his two accomplices were sentenced to death by the Shanghai First Special District Court, charged with robbery and murder in connection with the strangulation of Cheu Shu-teng, late accountant of the Li Yuen Customs Brokerage at 19 Rue d'Orléans. The crime was committed on August 24 in the Green China Hotel at 200 Yu Ya Chin Road.

It will be recalled that the crime baffled the police for some time as it appeared to be a "clean" job but the fact that the victim's younger brother, Chou Shu-ten, who was sentenced, is a habitual gambler led the police to make the first arrest. Young Chou confessed at the police station that he had killed his elder brother by strangulation.

Well Planned

The murder was well plotted. The victim was first invited to a fifth floor room of the hotel where he was treated to a substantial dinner by his young brother and the two other sentenced men. A girl guide society beauty, common law wife of one of the sentenced men, was at present. After the elder brother became drunk he was strangled to death.

The sentenced men then stole the keys from their victim's pocket and opened a cash box belonging to the victim in his office. They stole U.S. \$580 and a cheque for \$2,600 and fled.

It was revealed in court that the sentenced brother often visited amusement centres, including gambling establishments and, in order to make both ends meet, he approached his elder brother several times for loans. In one of the establishments he became acquainted with one Wong Kwong-foo, who is still being sought by the police. It was alleged that through Wong's guidance the sentenced younger brother frequented gambling houses.

FASCIST RECTOR RELEASED

DECLARING HIMSELF TO BE "WELL KNOWN AS A FASCIST," A LINCOLNSHIRE RECTOR WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS, BACK IN HIS VILLAGE.

He is the Rev. H. E. B. N. Rector of Scampton, and he has been released unconditionally after being interned for months.

He told a reporter that he had no complaints against the Government for his internment. "I honestly feel," he said, "that I have done more good in my life than I do in the village."

The Advisory Committee has heard his case, he said, were only ones who knew the facts.

Though he was well-known as a Fascist, he said he had never introduced politics into his sermons.

ESCAPING GERMAN OFFICER GOT 35 MILES FROM LIBERTY

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER Lorentz Guenther, German submarine officer, has been taken back to the internment camp in Ontario, from which he escaped recently.

The escaped officer was previously believed to be Lieutenant Werner Koche, of the German navy.

The mistake arose because, after Guenther's escape, Koche answered his name at the camp roll-call to confuse the authorities and kept silent when his own name was called.

Guenther walked and hitchhiked 400 miles from Ontario before he was recaptured by veteran

guards on Victoria Bridge across the St. Lawrence. The guards' suspicions were aroused by his limp—the result of a fall—and by the parcel he carried. They demanded his registration card and his failure to produce it led to his recapture only 35 miles from the United States border and freedom. His parcel contained road maps of Ontario and Quebec, a toothbrush and two bars of chocolate.

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'DIVERSION' IN EGYPT

While Hitler moves gingerly in the Balkans, with his wariest eye on Russia, the Graziani forces show no sign of taking up the Egyptian invasion where it was left off more than a month ago.

It must, however, be regarded as a step which cannot long be delayed. The Suez Canal and the British naval base at Alexandria are the obvious objectives. Pro-British Turkey and Greece—the latter already an object of Il Duce's attentions—would be at Axis mercy should the British lose their grip in the Eastern Mediterranean. The attempted counter-blockade of Britain would be strengthened so that if the weather interfered with German aerial activity the odds through the winter would not be all in favour of Britain.

These factors, however, do not prevent the British government and military advisers from looking upon the Italian moves primarily as a diversion. General Wavell, in Cairo, seems to feel he can afford to risk some penetration by Italy in Egypt.

This attitude may be explained by the fact that Britain already has augmented her forces in Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean. When the real test comes the Italians may find themselves fighting not only Britain but the Egyptians and having at the same time to keep intact long supply lines over deserts. It is not yet clear that the Egyptians will fight. But they have said they will if Egypt is attacked. The prayers for peace outlined by King Fuad, moreover, constitute an appeal not only to Allah but to the entire Mohammedan race to whom the race theories of Nazism and Fascism are a menace.

Another reason why Britain does not permit herself to become excited over the Italian move in Egypt is that Italian fortunes, like those of the Nazis, cannot be won in Africa. They depend on the Battle of Britain. As the future of France, of Holland, Denmark, Norway, and indeed that of western civilisation, is contingent on the fight raging over the British Isles, so the future of Africa and Italy's place here now rests with the embattled population of the beleaguered island.



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The Conflict's Deeper Issues

THE longer the war lasts, the clearer become the issues at stake in it. Gradually the clouds vanish, and the mountain tops stand forth, terrible but majestic. Certainly there have been plenty of clouds. From 1918 to 1939 our mistakes were legion—only they never betrayed the world cause for which we are now fighting. Our treatment of Germany, at Versailles and after, was a foredoomed attempt at compromise between those (and they were mainly Frenchmen) who wished to handle her so severely that she could never threaten the peace of Europe again, and those (and they were mainly British) who wished to treat her so generously that she would soon become a friendly partner in a new Commonwealth of Nations.

It was this fundamental contradiction, together with the unexpected withdrawal of the United States, whose President had conceived and framed it, and its own failure to devise a formula for peaceful change, which ultimately wrecked the League of Nations. But to the last the British clung to their traditional and perhaps over-idealistic ideal of live and let live. Thus the meaning of the Munich Settlement in 1938, after which many critics in the United States derided us for our isolationism in declining to go to war to save a democracy with which we had no treaties of alliance and with whose very name many British citizens had only recently become familiar, was that Mr. Neville Chamberlain still hoped for a future in which a strong Britain and a strong Germany could co-exist. Germany, it was assumed, having formally renounced further territorial demands in Europe, would pursue her remaining objectives peacefully. What finally forced all those who still clung to these hopes to abandon them was the renewed violence and treachery with which Germany seized the remnant of Czechoslovakia. A few years earlier there had been an influential body of opinion in Britain in favour of trying to meet German colonial claims. This Adolf Hitler had now effectually obliterated. How could one return backward races to the control of the regime of the Gestapo and concentration camps?

What is at stake, however, in this war is not the British Empire. Or, rather, it is much more than the British Empire. Nine months ago there were plenty of voices to be heard in the United States, and elsewhere, proclaiming that this was only an old-fashioned struggle between two greedy imperialisms, a war in which neither the stakes nor the result concerned anyone but the participants. That view, which even then sounded strangely on this side of the Atlantic, was partly accounted for by the fact that during the last decade of the

Twenty-Two Years Armistice one of the principal invisible-exports to the United States had been British lecturers, who made it their business to decry and, indeed, to misrepresent, the British Commonwealth. These were mostly quite unrepresentative malcontents, many of them of alien origin, men whose forebears had played no part in the building of the Commonwealth.

Nevertheless, their self-imposed task was made easier by the good-natured ignorance which still persisted in the United States as to the very nature of the free

By
Lord Elton

association of nations within the British Commonwealth, in which every Dominion is as independent as the United States, and as free as Eire to decline to take part in the war, the whole composing the first successful experiment in international organisation on a world scale.

But partly also the tendency to see the struggle as a mere death-grapple of imperialisms is to be accounted for by the familiar instinct of the spectator to rationalise his natural reluctance to share other people's troubles.

In the same way, while we were deciding not to fight Germany over Czechoslovakia, we told ourselves that Czechoslovakians had always maltreated their German minority, and that anyway the whole country was an artificial product of the Treaty of Versailles.

With the spread of the law of the Gestapo across Western Europe, and the closing down of one free wireless station after another, the issue stands out starker. Stripped to the bones, that issue is: Shall Christian civilisation survive? And by that I mean not only the civilisation of Western Europe and the British Dominions, but the civilisation of the United States, which grew up upon similar foundations during that century of peace when the British Navy enjoyed unchallenged supremacy, and which will be destroyed if that navy should disappear.

This civilisation is undoubtedly much else besides Christian. The Nazis are right in calling it a pluto-democracy. In varying degrees the civilisation of all the threatened countries is stamped

with the faults of democracy, which are many, and the faults of plutocracy, which are more. In the fullest sense no one of them can claim to be considered Christian at all. In spite of which they still represent those limits, which centuries of Christian civilisation had imposed upon the primitive instincts of violence, now revivified by the drive for power of the totalitarian states.

It was Christianity, after all, which first taught mankind the equal and eternal value of every human being, which infinitely transcends all the power and glory of the world. And it is ultimately upon that foundation that the Rule of Law has been established, the principle that is no longer recognised outside the democracies to-day, that men and women are men and women and not mechanical slaves of the State, and that no citizen shall be imprisoned or punished without trial by the mere wish of a tyrant; the principle that, provided he observes the law, he cannot be haled away by any Oppu or Gestapo to an unknown fate—and consequently that, in the words of the old English boast, his home is his castle, sheltered in which the upbringing of his children is still the concern of their parents even more than of the State.

There are other characteristics, of course, of life in a society which has not abjured its original Christian principles—kindness to the weak, for example, is not ridiculed as decadence, nor the interest of the State held to be the only moral standard—but all, perhaps, are involved in that one fundamental distinction, the recognition of the ultimate and diverse significance of every human personality.

It is the tragedy of to-day that all these principles are still believed in, as President Roosevelt said in another connection, by 80 per cent of humanity. And yet the Gestapo continues to extend its sway. It is the tragedy of to-day that, despite all they shared in common, and now see overshadowed by the same menace, both Britain and America lacked statesmen with the vision to guide their peoples toward a world Commonwealth, a unity based upon common language, interest, and tradition, and strong enough to maintain the peace of the world against any challenge, whether from West or East. It is the tragedy of to-day that democracy after democracy has hoped to shelter behind the sacrifices of the latest victim of totalitarian aggression, so that the leaders

of each have told their peoples "the storm will blow itself out before it reaches us," and that it has even been the democracies which have armed their would-be murderers, the French Comité des Forges, providing Germany and Italy with their coal, and the United States providing Japan with its oil.

All the remaining legacies of Christian civilisation, it must be admitted, have, in varying degrees, abjured their old principles. Thus in Britain we are entitled, I think, to claim that the nation still lives by Christian standards. It is improbable, for example, that British sailors or airmen, even if ordered to do so, would machine-gun women and children in a lifeboat. It would not occur to them that such conduct would be inconsistent with the teaching of the New Testament; they would probably merely say that it would be "a dirty trick." The fact remains that the standards are still there. What is more doubtful is how far the original Christian belief from which these standards once sprang still fully survives.

What an old theologian would have called "works" are there. Whether, after an impartial examination of, let us say, our educational system, we can claim that what he would have called "faith" is still fully alive is another matter. And will the moral standards, which are the legacy of Christian teaching, survive if the Christian faith itself is in decay? Can virtuous agnosticism be more than an intermediate phase?

Already in the democracies a determined onslaught has been made by a small but vocal minority of the intelligentsia, not so much against Christian dogma as against Christian morality. Some of the most conspicuous British exponents of this new paganism, young men of military age, are now in the United States for the duration.

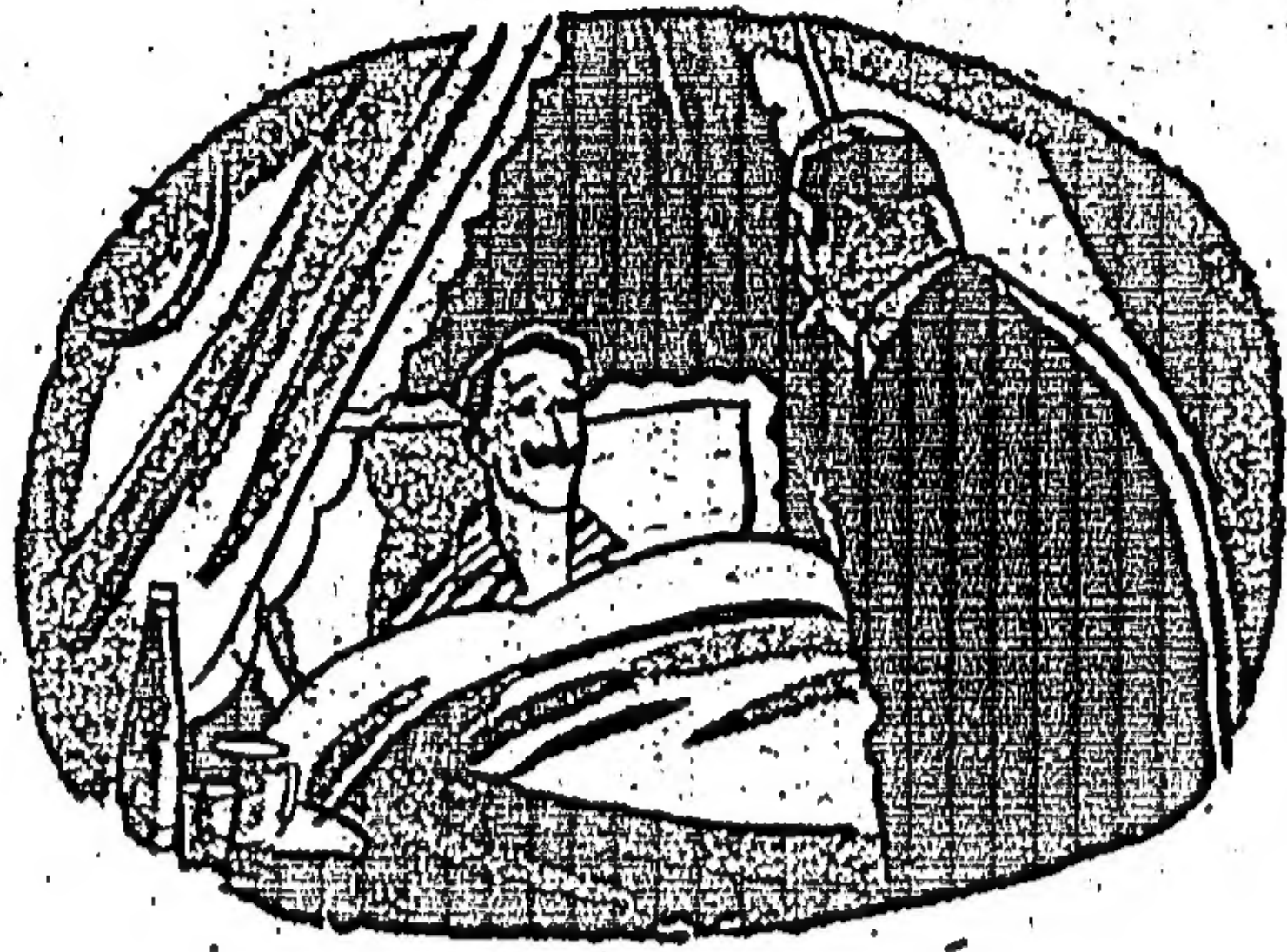
In Britain, however, we are now being offered a supreme opportunity—supreme both in the sense that it is the last and in the sense that it is the greatest. We stand alone as the last bulwark of the Christian tradition which has been built with infinite patience by many different schools and peoples down the centuries; we stand unsupported by any other unconquered nation, save in so far as the right (theoretically shared by Germany) to purchase American goods in the open market may be counted as support. We face a Prussia which was late and imperfectly converted to the Christian faith, a Prussia from which the old gods were never completely exorcised, a Prussia which for centuries has been built by war and for war as no State ever was before. The tremendous question is not only, can we conquer Prussia, but can we conquer ourselves? Can we achieve regeneration through suffering?

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SHANGHAI RICE SITUATION GETS SERIOUS

THE INFILTRATION into Shanghai of smuggled rice, which makes its way in small quantities and can hardly meet the big demand of the Chinese population in the foreign areas, according to an authoritative source, is one of the impediments to the lowering of rice prices.

The rice situation it was learned, is assuming serious proportions and according to competent observers, the problem will not be solved by importing foreign rice to feed the 3,500,000 Chinese population of the Settlement, most of whom can only afford to purchase the low priced domestic rice.

Efforts are being made by the authorities of the foreign areas to persuade the Japanese military to allow the flow into Shanghai of domestic rice, most of which is produced in territory under Japanese control. Should the military authorities concerned give their assent to the release of this rice, it is feared in responsible Chinese quarters that questions concerning supplies and distribution would require considerable time for consideration while the demand would become more pressing daily.

An official of the Price Investigation department of the Council stated that he had had several talks with a liaison officer of the Japanese military authorities, who have agreed to give the matter of importing domestic rice careful consideration.

The continuous smuggling of rice into Shanghai is one of the chief reasons for the price of imported rice maintaining a high level, according to one authoritative source, who declared that the smuggling is extremely difficult to combat.

Profit Fixed

The Shanghai Rice Price Fixing Committee has just decided at a

meeting on an important principle governing profit-making among rice merchants in Shanghai. It has been decided that the profit should be five per cent. only in all dealings in the Shanghai Rice Market, where cost prices of the various grades of the Saigon rice will be announced every three days. It is important to note, however, that the Committee is still unable to fix prices for native rice, despite the fact that it has been urged by both officials and the Chinese press to do so.

Its inability to fix prices for native grain is attributed to the difference in prices in various occupied producing-districts in the interior and also to the difficulties in transportation of the rice to Shanghai. The Committee's latest decision on profit-making conformed with the view recently expressed by the late Mayor Fu Siao-en who said that profit should be between five and ten per cent. depending on the quantity of rice bought. Informed quarters, however, express the opinion that it is hard to make all merchants carry out the decisions.

Cost Prices

It is recalled in this connection that the Committee did fix prices some time ago when the market was firm, but later the official quotations were not followed by certain merchants and as a result prices went up steadily, creating several records. Informed quarters also question the connotation of the words "cost prices" as mentioned in the Committee's decision.

It is pointed out that the cost prices of much of the Saigon rice now stored in Shanghai godowns might be much smaller than the official quotation to be announced, say, tomorrow, because the grain was bought long ago. It is argued that it is absurd to speak of deterioration in the case of Saigon rice which, unlike the native grain, can be stored for more than a year without doing harm to its quality. It is unanimously hoped in Chinese circles that once a decision is reached by the Committee, official quarters should see that it is strictly carried out. The Committee will announce quotations after consulting the authorities, whose opinion on the latest decision on profit-making will also be sought.

U.S. MUST MAKE HER DECISION NOW

"WE ARE TOO FAR IN IT TO ESCAPE," DECLARED THE MANAGING EDITOR OF THE "DALLAS MORNING NEWS," MR. HARRY C. WITHERS, BROADCASTING THE NEWS REVIEW OVER R.A.D.I.O STATION WFAA.

"It is the imperative duty of the United States," he said "to decide at once between two courses: whether she will do whatever she can to help Great Britain to win this war, or whether she will run the risk of British defeat and then have to fight Hitler alone."

"If Britain wins this war, the United States will have no war with Germany. If Britain loses, then war between Hitler and the United States is inevitable. We are too far in it now to escape."

U.S. MOVE DOES NOT SURPRISE JAPAN

The Japanese public are no longer surprised at the latest move of President Roosevelt in despatching the liners ss. Mariposa and ss. Monterey to the Far East to evacuate U.S. citizens. It is considered that this is part of the President's general policy, and is designed to convince Japan that America means business, says the Tokyo correspondent of the "North China Daily News."

MANILA BRITONS JOIN UP

Two well-known members of the Manila British community H. P. L. Jollye and Major A. Beckerleg, have been granted leaves of absence from their business connections in Manila in order to return to England for war service. They expect to sail together about Oct. 25.

Mr. Jollye, who has been the general manager of the Manila Electric Company for many years is retiring after having been connected with the company for the past 29 years. He is a director of Marsman Investments Limited and several other mining concerns. Mr. Jollye served as a captain in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in world war I.

A group of friends headed by J. C. Rockwell, president of the Manila Electric Company, will give a despedida dinner at the Manila Hotel for Mr. Jollye.

Major Beckerleg, vice president of Marsman and Company, has been identified with the Philippine mining industry for the past six years. He brought British capital into the mining industry.

Major Beckerleg will go back to England to join his old regiment, the Royal Engineers. He served in the British army before and during the last war. He was in command of a regiment in the North Russia Expeditionary Force which included British, French and American units. He left the army about three years after the war and has been in business ever since.

SURPRISING REPORT FROM HANOI

French quarters said in Hanoi that arrangements have been made for special trains to transport the Japanese troops who fought their way across the northern border of this colony. In Sept. 22, through Tonkin to Hanoi where they are expected to embark aboard transports and leave Indo-China.

It is estimated that these troops total 10,000. Their departure will leave in French territory between 6,000 and 7,000 Nippon soldiers and an unlimited number of war planes as provided in the Franco-Japanese Hanoi agreement of Sept. 22. Associated Press.

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PETTIFOGGERY IN WAR AID SHOULD END

AN APPEAL TO THE majority and minority leaders of both branches of Congress to quit "pettifoggery" in politics and to free the question of American aid to Britain, was made public by William Allen White, National Chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

Identical letters were addressed to Senators Albin W. Barkley and Charles L. McNary, and Representatives Sam Rayburn and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., in which Mr. White characterised American military action against the totalitarian powers as "inevitable" if Great Britain falls.

He voiced the thought of his committee that "the people of the United States will deeply and effectively resent pettifoggery of any party or party leadership which may be responsible for the fall of Britain—not for the sake of the British, but because of the tragic immediate danger to our own Country."

"Nothing would give greater satisfaction to the American people than to wake up to-morrow morning and know that whatever American aeroplanes and bombers we can spare were en route to take part in American defence on the British sector of the totalitarian war that menaces the freedom of all mankind," Mr. White said.

The American people, regardless of party, endorsed President Roosevelt's recent destroyer trade with Britain, Mr. White recalled, adding 58 prominent Americans of both parties had subsequently signed a statement expressing "unqualified" support for the President's action. His committee has "evidence" justifying the belief that similar backing will be given the President by citizens of all parties in extending "every possible safe, legal material aid" to Britain, he said.

"By 'safe' aid we mean war material which the President's official naval and military advisors say we can spare," Mr. White wrote. "By 'legal' we mean again whatever such material the President's official legal counsellors may decide may be legally sold to Great Britain or properly transferred."

Britain Last Defence

Mr. White declared that "inevitable conflict" will result between the United States and the dictator nations if Britain falls, leaving the United States alone to face the combined and vastly superior shipbuilding and aeroplane manufacturing capacities of the totalitarian powers and making preparedness "almost impossible."

"In this crisis our committee feels that America can and must move," he continued. "The air attacks on London are causing terrible damage and suffering. There is still reason to believe that the bombing of England may be followed momentarily by a land invasion. Instinctively the American people know that if the German invasion succeeds, the last bulwark of democracy in Europe is swept aside as well as the first line of defence for the United States."

"Our committee with its 634 branch organisations throughout the Country is in a position to sense public sentiment. We have evidential reasons to declare that a majority of the people of the United States favour extensive purchase by Great Britain, or through trade like the destroyer deal, of all possible material aid. This may be the last chance here and now to-day for the American people to avoid war to-morrow. We urge that the political leaders of America publicly call for the strongest possible aid to Britain in the furtherance of American defence."

Poster Prizes

Mr. White's committee is inviting competitive poster designs from American artists in all parts of the Nation. Cash prizes will be awarded for the 11 best designs depicting the need for sending all possible material aid to Great Britain and her Allies as a national defence measure. It was announced by Mrs. Rushmore Patterson, Chairman of the Women's National Advisory Committee.

HOSPITALS MAY COMBINE

Amalgamation of all hospitals, public and voluntary, is one of several big changes now under discussion between representatives of the medical profession and the Government.

"Such a proposal would meet with my complete approval," said Dr. Somerville Hastings, who is a member of the committee advising the Government. "I have certainly recommended it."

"It is absurd in time of war to have two hospital systems. All hospitals worth running should be taken over by the Government."

"The Government has already taken a step in this direction by removing the dividing line between Service hospitals and civilian hospitals."

"Military, naval, and civilian casualties are now treated in the same hospital. This is a very sensible course of action."

Doctors recruited last September to the Emergency Medical Service on a year's contract have not had their contract renewed. They have been instructed, however, to carry on until changes, now under consideration, become effective.

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"FINISHED WITH MEN"

"I have finished with men, he was married," said Eileen Davidson, aged 17, of Lime Tree-grove, Doncaster, shortly before she was found gassed at her employer's house.

The Doncaster Coroner returned a verdict of "Suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed." A doctor said there was no sign of pregnancy.

Following preliminary judging of entries in each of nine zones, final judging will take place in New York about Nov. 15, Mrs. Patterson said.

BULLITT POPULAR IN VICHY

Vichy is instructing its Ambassador to the United States, M. Henri Haye, to urge the return of Mr. W. C. Bullitt as U.S. Ambassador to France, reported Messrs. Pearson and Allen in their syndicated column in the New York "Mirror."

The reason is that French realise that they can not be enemies with Great Britain and friends with the United States at the same time, and they are desirous of healing the diplomatic breach with the United States as they wish for American supplies of food for France, and with Mr. Bullitt in Vichy they could present their point of view.

Furthermore, the columnists reported, the French in Vichy might also want to resume diplomatic relations with Great Britain who, they added, are willing to negotiate at any time the French take the initiative, and Mr. Bullitt might serve as the intermediary to that end.

The new French Ambassador in Washington, M. Haye, is a great personal friend of Mr. Bullitt.

FIRES MAY BE SIGNALS TO NAZIS

Mysterious fires in the London areas, some of which have coincided with Nazi attacks, are being investigated by the London Fire Brigade.

The possibility that "Fifth Columnists" are signalling to German planes has not been overlooked.

There were two blazes in a London suburb. Subsequently, it was reported that raiders were turned back while attacking this particular district.

In every case the fires have proved to be heaps of burning rubbish.

They have occurred day by day. In one 24 hours during which Nazis machines were active over South-Eastern England, no fewer than eight calls were received.

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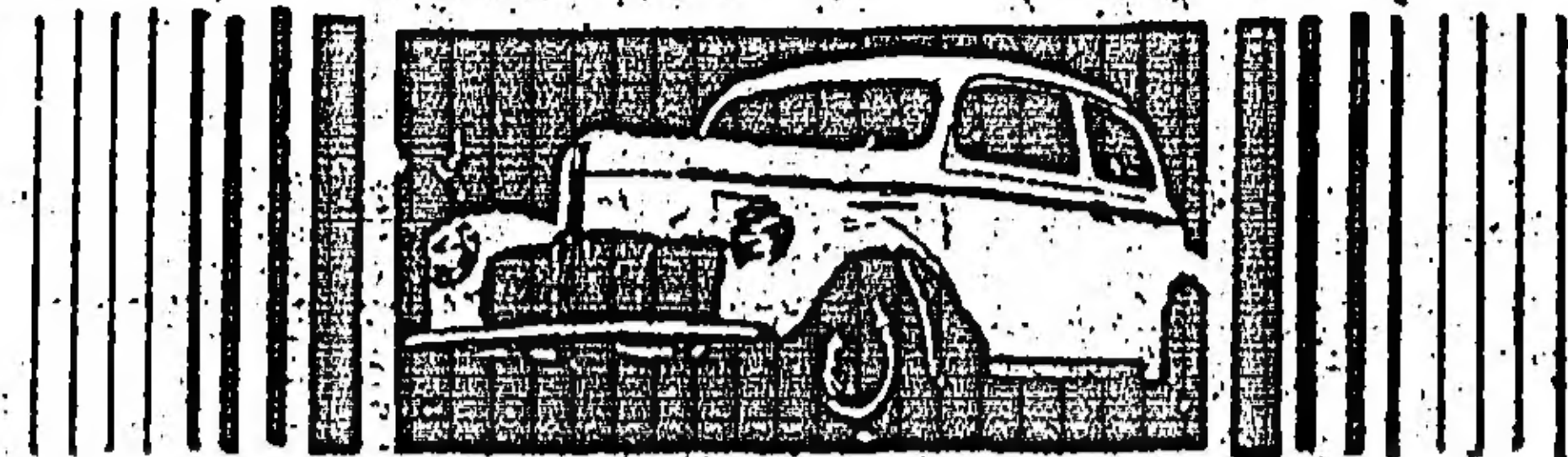
GRAZIANI ON THE MOVE?

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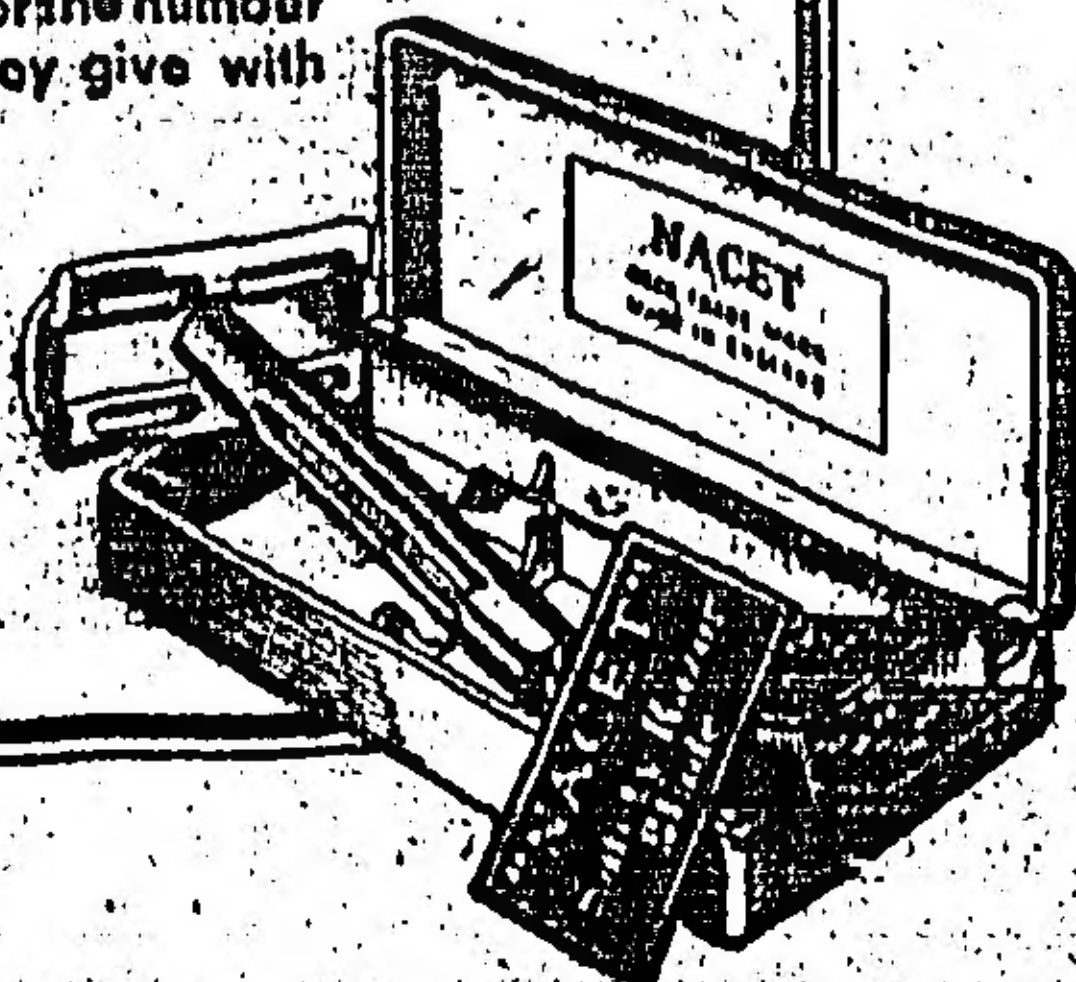
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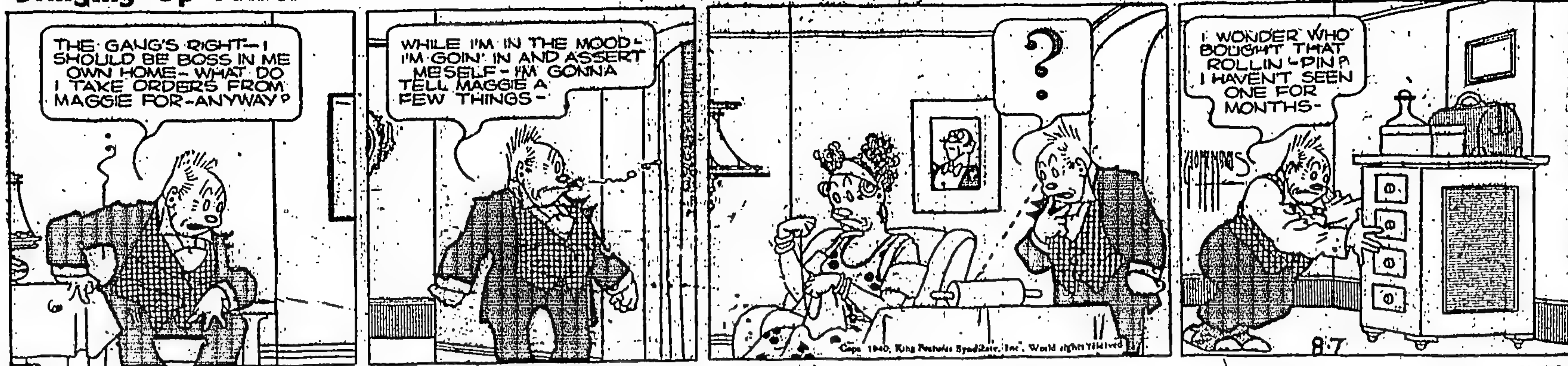
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Foot And Leg Beauty

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A woman's legs shape with the growth of her body, so there is no need whatever to want to hide them. If your waistline thickens, your hips broaden and you put on weight as the years mount, it is quite natural that your legs will lose their youthful shape, but they shape in proportion to the rest of you. Don't do the obvious and wear skirts too long to be smart, in an attempt to conceal them.

No matter what your age you will find the tan hose more flattering to your legs and more appropriate for your clothes. Shades range from the lightest of beige for day and evening, down to rich ambers, and surely on that scale there is one shade which will meet your conservative approval. No matter how thick your ankles or how heavy your legs, the tan hose are definitely more flattering than gray or black or brown.

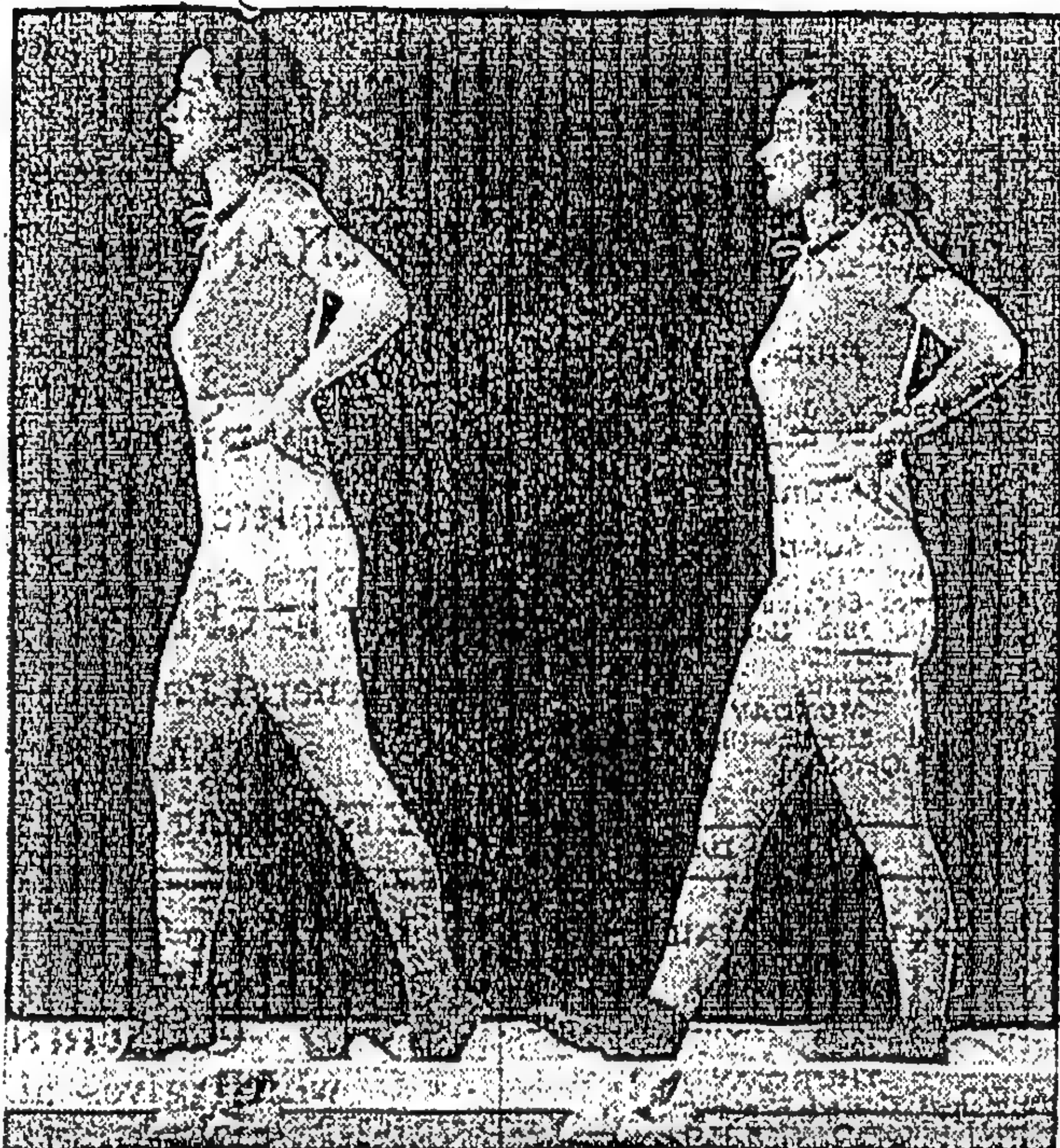
Be Current

And don't frown upon depilatories even though they were not in vogue when you were young. A cream depilatory is very simple to use and it removes hair from your legs leaving them smooth and looking inches slimmer. If you do not like to take the time for a depilatory, wash your legs thoroughly with soapsuds and shave the hair with a steady hand and a safety razor while they are still wet. Or have another do it for you. Many believe, however, that constant use of a prepared depilatory discourages the growth of hair. And some feel that shaving coarsens the hair. Neither belief can be proven.

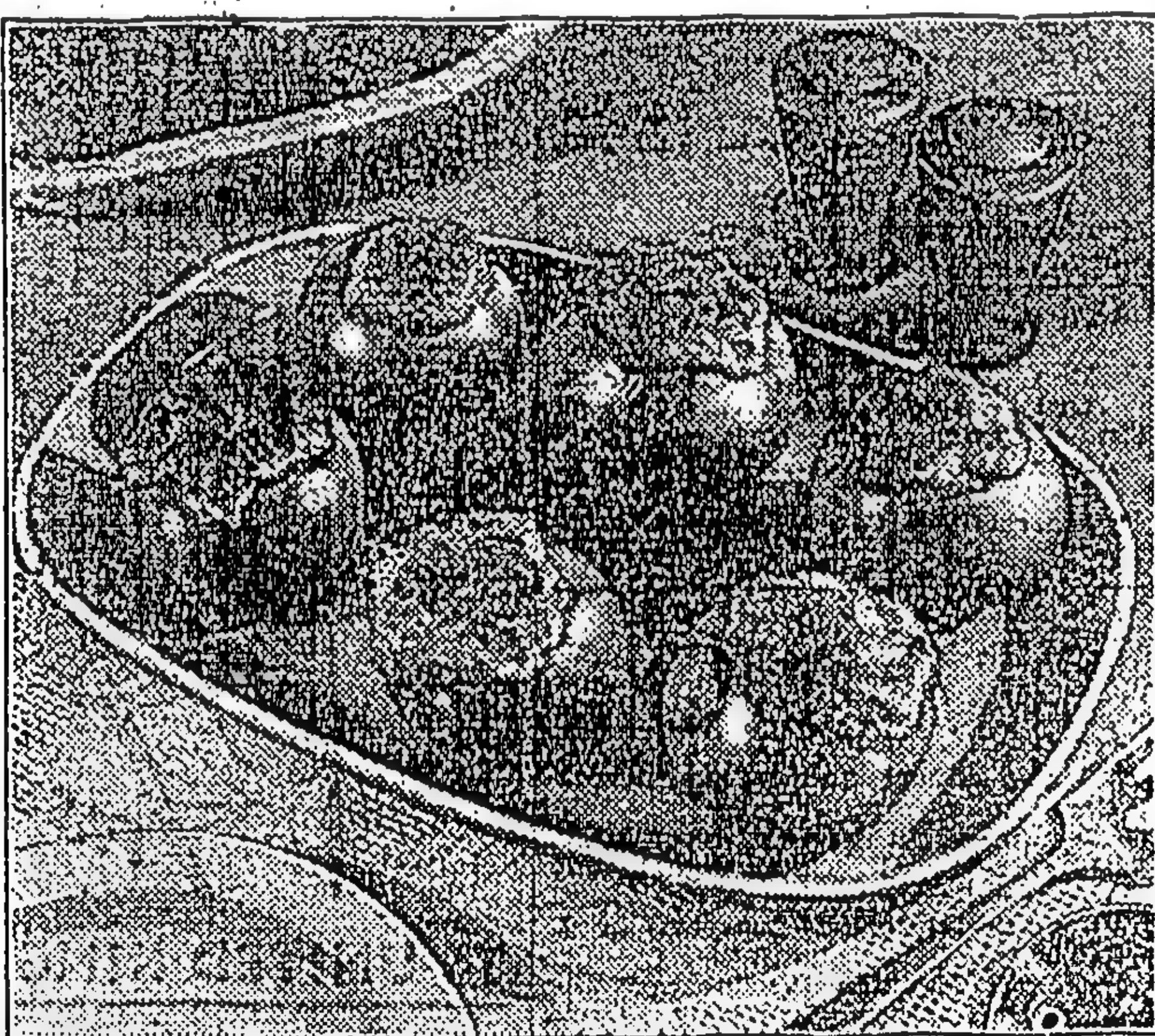
Your Shoes

As feet age they need more support and greater comfort so fancy shoes are not for older women. Cut out sandals are fine for beach wear, but they are not strong enough for walking. Your day-time shoes should be a nicely designed oxford, or a pump which is built up over the instep for comfort and support. The heel should definitely be medium, or low—no woman looks well in high heels (unless she is unusually petite) if her walk has stiffened a bit and if her figure has grown heavier. In fact, most women, old or young have better posture, and more graceful carriage when they wear a heel of sensible height and many are discovering this fact. Hence the popularity for "flatties" and lower heeled shoes.

Preserve the health of your feet around the house too—don't wear an old shoe which has lost its usefulness. And under no circumstances go about in bedroom slippers! Whenever you are walking or standing on your feet you need firm support from the shoes you are wearing. Poorly cared for feet cause fatigue and rob your face of beauty which should be there!



Practice this on a small step ladder. Rise on ball of left foot, throwing weight forward on right foot which you allow to slide over the rung. Take other steps in this manner. It strengthens your feet.

TOMATOES
stuffed and baked whole

says Dorothy Greig

NO vegetable appears on the table in more variety than the tomato. As tomato soup it starts dinner or lunch. As tall glasses of tomato juice it brings us our vitamin C for breakfast, and serves as appetizer at other meals. Stewed, it comes to the table as a hot vegetable. Raw, we enjoy it in salads.

So there is nothing startlingly novel about the idea of stuffed, baked tomatoes. But the way I fix them they do taste so good! The rice stuffing is blended through and through with mushroom flavor. These tomatoes are delicious with meat loaf. Indeed, you can bake both at the same time in the oven. I like them, too, as a main dish for a light luncheon or supper.

The stuffing is made this way:

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 or 3 tablespoons buttered bread crumbs
- 1 or 2 whole tomatoes

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well. Then add the cooked rice and the centers from the tomatoes, chopped and then drained. Stuff the to-

atoes with this mixture, cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake in a moderately hot (375°) oven for 25-35 minutes.

To prepare the tomatoes: Slice off stem end of tomato, scoop out the center, sprinkle with salt and pepper and let stand 30 minutes. Drain well before filling with the rice and mushroom mixture. Serves 5-6.

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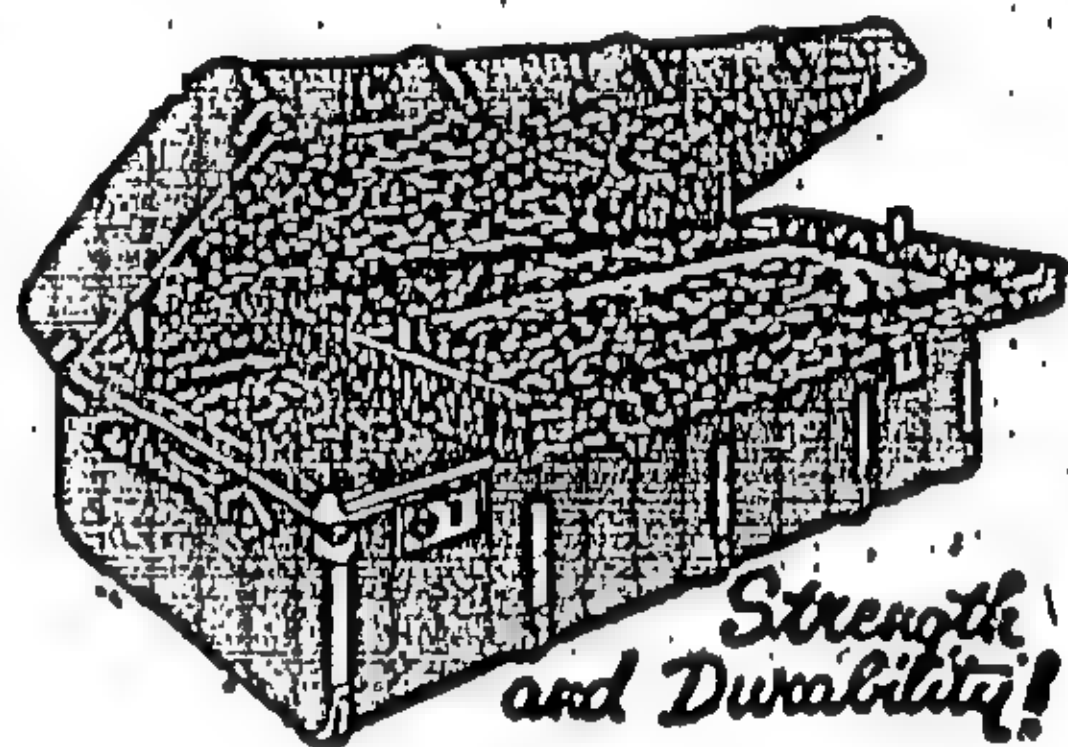
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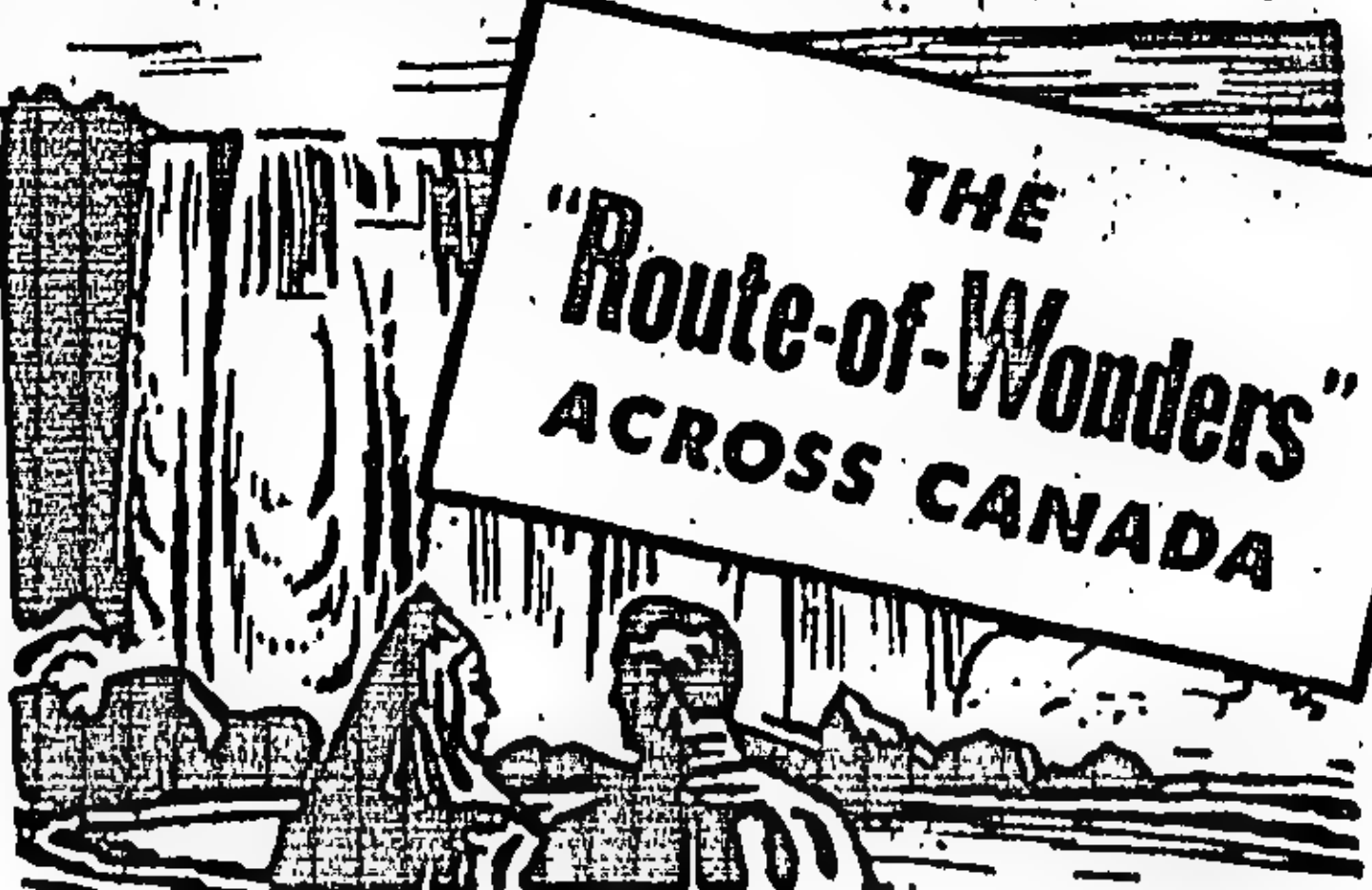
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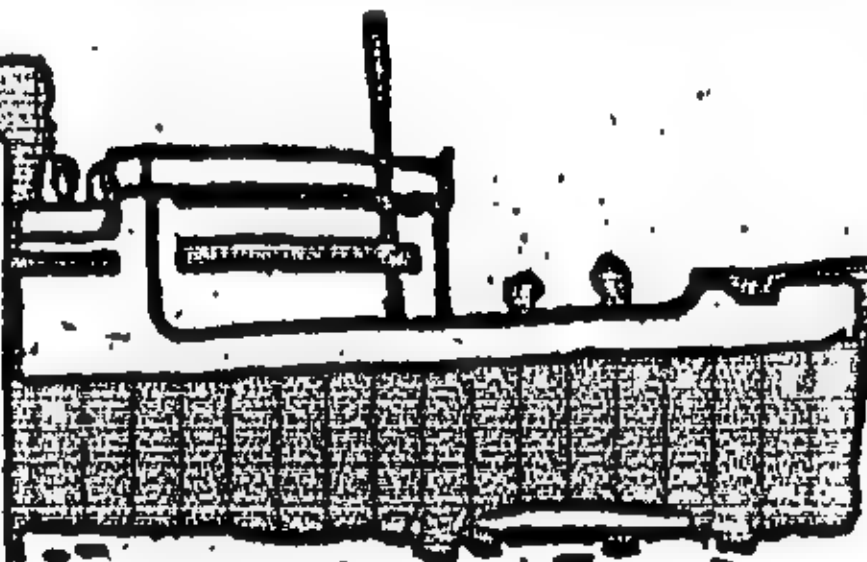


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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Light Variety Programme.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic-Symphony Orch. of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Jack Payne and His Band.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Peter Dawson, (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Chopin.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the Paradise Islanders.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Great Authors" No. 6: Thackeray.

A talk by Father T. Ryan, S. J.

8.50 p.m.—Harold Rimsay at the Organ.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

9.45 p.m.—Grieg—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16.

Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano) and The New Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.15 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

10.30 p.m.—Selections from Puccini's Operas.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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SOFTBALL LEAGUE OPENS IN BRILLIANT SUNSHINE

Big Margins Of Victory In Girls' Matches

Good Game Between H.K. Baseballers And St. Joseph's

By "Grandstand"

UNDER BRILLIANT sunshine, the Softball League had an auspicious opening when Major Manners, President of Kowloon Football Club, tossed the first ball in the Cardinals-Wildcats tilt. Lopsided scores featured most of the games, and all but one of the fixtures were played off. The arranged programme of 13 games was rather ambitious, with the result that most of the games had to be called after only five innings of play.

In contrast to the well-supervised games at Chatham Road, much dissatisfaction has been voiced by the Junior teams playing at Prince Edward Road, where there was no recorder, and especially in the South China-C.B.A. game, in which the score was entirely lost track off, and had it not been for the great difference in the scores, a most unpleasant argument might have taken place; the umpiring also left much to be desired.

In the opener, the Wildcats trounced the Cardinals to the tune of 25 to 8 runs. Efigenia Babida working on the slab for the Bed-birds was nicked for 17 blows, but even then the tide of Wildcat runs could have been stemmed but for poor support from the rest of the team, short-stop Fitzgerald committing no less than five bobbles. Irene Pereira, former Recreio Ramblertette, filling the left-field berth for the Wildcats, clouted the first homer of the season on Babida's first offering. Lily Mar and Gloria Mar also accounted for roundtrippers for the Wildcats, whilst Babida retaliated for the Cardinals. Marina Lavadia was good for a triple but was run down when attempting to stretch it into a four-bagger.

Wahoos Walk Away

In the second tussle, the Wahoos walked away with a 29-3 verdict over the Chung Hwa rookies, no less than 25 markers being made on 7 blows and 18 walks, which constitutes a new high for free passes in two innings of play. After the damage was done Frances "Zaza" Lee was yanked in favour of Ella Chinn, who held the Green Shirted Owls to only four runs in the next three innings.

Jeannette Yolle pitched her first League game and came out with a fair amount of success, limiting the Chung Hwa femmes to only four scratch singles, and passing only one.

Jackie Anderson in her first catching assignment only allowed one stolen base—which is something in the Ladies' League—and nabbed two would-be base pilferers.

The Panther Kittens over-ran



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the Florinbas by 31-3 in a four-inning game. Lily Xavier, pitching for the Pantherettes, limited the Little Flowers to only three runs, the first one being made when Lillian Forster drew a pass, stole second and third and romped home on a passed ball. Sequeira and Hilda Antonio crossed the plate in the fourth for two more markers.

At King's Park, the Canuckettes inflicted a severe 20 to 6 defeat on the much weakened Ramblertettes, Ulian Koo and Jean Lee both banging in a four-bagger apiece.

Canucks Massacred

In the first of the men's senior circuit, the Recreio Aces massacred the Canucks by 22 to 2, in what will probably be the season's greatest shellacking in this loop.

For three innings hurler Herbie Quon, reputed wizard of the whiff, couldn't put them over—when they didn't hit the dirt, they threatened to go over the fence—and when they were good they had nothing but his fingerprints and a prayer on them—and Herbie forgot to pray!

After three hectic innings, the Canucks went into scull sessions, and decided to toss them over trusting to fielding, but in that they were disappointed for—the Aces blasted Herbie's easy floaters all over the place, Bertie Gosano, Gerry Gosano and hurler Johnnie Alvares clouting in round-trippers. The Canucks were held scoreless for six innings, although they had a chance when Delgado singled but was nabbed at second. Johnny Delgado couldn't have pilfered a sack even if the ground-keeper had left it out overnight.

The Hong Kong Baseballers-St. Joseph clash at Chatham Road was the most interesting. The Saints opened up in the initial frame when their big guns barked six times to net them seven tallies, and added another four in the fifth on five blows. The Baseballers were retired in one, two, three order for the first three frames, and chalked up the first run in the fourth on "Ozo" Ozorio's fumble. In the fifth Jordan Morris doubled to score Johnson and Waller. In the Baseballers' last time at bat pitcher Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves passed one and was blasted all over the park when he tried to be too careful. Aided by two costly errors, the Baseballers connected three times to start a late rally which was short-lived. Kent fled out to end the game. Powlawski, baseball marvel, patrolled the right garden for the Saints and was good for two safeties in his two trips to the plate, whilst Henry "Showboat" Ali and "Ozo" Ozorio both averaged .750 in four trips. No less than 12 Baseballers fled out.

Explosive Moments

The game was not without its explosive moments when some scatter-brained diamond-lawyers made Chief Umpire Nick Beltrao the target of abuse for his verdict in calling Ed Jones out for illegal batting.

The Cyclones had things their own way, in a 10-6 verdict over the Filipinos. Pinky (Drumsticks) Pineda tossed for the Cyclones, and scored in the first frame, after overcoming assorted obstacles of bats, gloves, players and scorers squatting along the third base line. Bakar and Rum-

GRAPHIC GOLF



SNEAD AGAIN COMES CLOSE

By BEST BALL

Once again Sam Snead's luck ran out before he could annex the 1940 P. G. A. Championship and so the tradition of being a hard luck player is carried on for another year. Back in 1938, Snead was having a banner year. It was his first year in big time golf and with no worry over his swing or the outcome of his matches, he won tourneys right and left, amassing some \$20,000 in prizes. Golf fans everywhere predicted both the National Open and P. G. A. titles for the smooth swinging Virginian but the titles never materialised.

Sam has come close, near enough to blow four chances at these titles away at the last moment. Perhaps the biggest factor he will have to contend with in the future now is the mental hazard these defeats bring on. For Snead has one of the sweetest swings from tee to green in golf and if he can get the right mental slant for these events next year, he will be the biggest worry the rest of the pros will have to contend with.

NEXT ARTICLE—
How Stance Varies

jahn copped batting honours by homering. Amper, who was selected to pitch for the All-Hong Kong team against the American girls when they were here, assumed mound duties for the Filipinos, but was hit too often.

Sherry Bux and Barney Abbas played well in the infield. In the junior loop at Prince Edward Road, Liga Portuguesa registered the only shut-out of the week-end at the expense of the Royal Artillery, whilst the Cosmos just managed to beat the Royal Scots by 10-18. South China humbled Central British by 15-8 and Royal Air Force nosed out the Royal Engineers by the odd run in 23.

After leading 9-8 at the end of the sixth in the V.R.C.-Recreio clash, the Victorians were robbed of victory when the Bees blasted in five runs in the last inning to cinch the game. The V.R.C. squad fielded all their reserves and had the score-keeper going haywire in trying to keep track of the score.

Georgie Guterres hurled for the Bees, but was blasted out of the box after only two and one-third innings. With the sacks soaked, Charlie Quinn clouted a three-bagger, for Guterres to be yanked in favour of Wilfred Lawrence. Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto pitched for the Victorians, but did not show his former sparkle.

The Indian Softball Club-Chinese Baseballers, senior League game was postponed on account of falling light.

The meeting at Newmarket on October 10 and 17, including the Cambridge-shire and substitute St. Leger Stakes, has been cancelled, it was announced in London, recently.

VOLUNTEER ROWING REGATTA

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is to hold an Inter-Unit Regatta on Dec. 21.

A meeting held yesterday, at which Lieut.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell presided, was attended by representatives of 3rd Battery, No. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 Machine Gun Companies, the Mobile Machine Gun Company and the Field Ambulance.

A sum of \$5 will be charged for each team. The money collected will be donated to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

The Rowing Committee formed yesterday was as follows:—

Chairman, Capt. J. G. B. Dewar; Hon. Sec. G. L. Eastgate; Hon. Treas. F. M. Thompson, Lt. J. M. M. Alves and T. Swan.

INTERNATIONAL SHIELD COMPETITION

Second Round matches in the Gutierrez International Shield competition will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Craigengower, not at 3.30 p.m. as previously reported. The draw is:—

England v Wales
Ireland v Switzerland
Scotland v India
Philippines v Australia

Semi-final matches will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club on the following day, also commencing at 3 p.m. sharp. The draw is:—

England or Wales v Philippines or Australia
Ireland or Switzerland v Scotland or India

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams will represent H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI (v K.C.C. at K.C.C.)—Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, R.N., J. H. Fox, Major D. C. E. Grose, H. Owen Hughes, J. L. Ilsey, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce and R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd XI (v Police R.C. at H.K.C.C.)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brigadier T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and I. P. Lamworth.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-day and to-morrow on the "Y" ground, both matches starting at 5 p.m. sharp.

TO-DAY
2nd XI v St. Andrew's Fellowship:—Fishlock, Heptonstall and Rallion; Smiths, Gilchrist and Gorman; Banks, Grant, McGahan, Ireson and Bevan.

TO-MORROW
1st XI v H.K. University:—Benwell, Jordan and Saxby; Coombe and Waldron; Macey, Ure, Pennington, Dunne and Highlands.

CLUB HELD BY SUPPERS

After a scoreless first half, the Hong Kong Hockey Club shared two goals with the Royal Engineers in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon. Shaw scored for the Engineers and Fowler for the Club.

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over until to-morrow.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Following is the Softball programme for Sunday:

GIRLS

Cardinals v Wahoos
(9.30 a.m.)
Chung Hwa v Ramblertettes
(11 a.m.)
Canuckettes v Little Flower
(12.30 p.m.)

MEN'S

First Division
Canucks v Cyclones
(2.00 p.m.)
Filipinos v Indians
(3.15 p.m.)
Chinese Baseballer v St. Joseph's
(4.30 p.m.)
Second Division
Liga v V.R.C.
(2.00 p.m.)
Cosmopolitan v Recreio Bees
(10.00 a.m.)
Engineers v South China
(3.15 p.m.)
Artillery v Scots
(4.30 p.m.)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Cables v Shell
(9.30 a.m.)
Bank v Texaco
(10.45 a.m.)

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS AUCTIONED

First batch of Australian Griffins imported for the 1941 racing season was put up for sale by auction yesterday.

The sale resulted as follows:—

No. 1 Chestnut mare by Bravia out of Little Ina, five years, 14.3 hands—\$1,850; No. 5 Bay mare by Balmerino out of Phollice, five years, 14.3 hands—withdrawn; No. 9 Bay gelding by Double Court out of Army Lass, four years, 14.3 hands—\$2,500; No. 14 Chestnut mare by Woorak out of Carolist, six years, 14.3 hands—\$1,450; No. 18 Bay mare by Double Court out of Royal Ruby, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,900; No. 24 Bay gelding by Weatherwise out of Unnamed mare by Finmark, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,250; No. 29 Chestnut mare by Dignus out of Lady Meca, five years, 14.2 hands—\$1,800; No. 34 Bay mare by Silverado out of Llangida, four years, 14.3 hands—\$3,600; No. 39 Brown mare by Pentheus out of Royal Glory, six years, 14.3 hands—\$1,750; No. 44 Bay mare by Rubus out of Boonahwah, six years, 14.3 hands—offered on veterinary advice; No. 48 Chestnut mare by Colugo out of Cooma Maid, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,550. Purchasers' Names Not Divulged.

The names of the purchasers were not divulged as it was a private sale among members only.

TODAY'S RUGBY

At 5 p.m. to-day Club "A" will meet Navy "A" at the Valley.

Following are the teams:
Navy "A"—P. O. Slough; L. A. C. Gracie, P. O. Wilson, Tel. Honeywell, S/Lt. McGill; Lt. Carter, Lt.-Cdr. Clark; Ldg. Sig. Inglis, S/Lt. Brewer, S/Lt. Beattie, A. B. Longmuir, L. S. Jones, Ord. Sea. Taylor; Cdt. Thorn and Cdt. Hurley.
Reserves—P. O. W. Snell, Ldg. Sea. Ravenscroft, A. B. Lilly, Tel. Faulkner, S/Lt. Eager, P. O. Baugh and S/Lt. Dobson.

Club "A"—Rogers, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Stewart, C. F. Needham, H. van Leeuwen, T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemen, C. M. Stark, R. C. Gairdner, R. Heasman, A. G. Dalziel, R. M. King, J. Moodie, R. G. Castleton and W. Stoker.

Bob Toppling, brother of Dan Toppling, owner of the Brooklyn football Dodgers, has bought a club in the Hawaiian Island Baseball League.

Upset Follows Upset At 9th Extra Meeting

By "Rapier"

SENSATIONAL UPSETS featured the Ninth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley on Saturday. This was due to the slightly heavier track on account of the rain which fell the night before, and punters certainly had a terrible time during the afternoon, seven favourites failing one after another until the seventh race, when the favourite just staved off defeat by dead-heating with another outsider.

Income Tax, ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, was instrumental in paying out the second biggest dividend of the year—\$336.30. A new "Daily Double" record was also established when Pumpnickel, with Mr. Proulx up, dead-heated with Brown Derby (Mr. Black) for first position in the second leg, and the solitary ticket-holder on Pumpnickel was rewarded with \$7,572.00 whilst the 23 supporters of Brown Derby each received \$329.20.

Jockey honours deservedly went to Mr. D. Black, with three wins and a third in five starts and special mention should be made of the seventh race when, as the result of very determined riding, he brought Brown Derby in to dead-heat with Pumpnickel for first position. Mr. B. L. Tao was second with two wins and a second, also in five starts. Mr. L. B. Chao's riding in the last race, the Kwangtung Handicap, on which the mammoth \$1.00 sweep depended, should also be recorded as he rode with rare judgment to stave off defeat from Victoria, ridden by Mr. Pih, and the lucky drawer of the winning ticket has much to thank him for.

Honours among the owners were evenly distributed.

Change Of Riders

The first race, the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, a handicap for China ponies—griffins of this season that had started in at least three Extra meetings—was the principal event of the afternoon, and it resulted in the first upset of the day, Dupont Bay, which was third in the Double Tenth Plate with Mr. Sung up, scoring a fine win under Mr. Black. O-Lan, which placed second to Eve of Harvest last time out, was made hot favourite with Mr. Sung up, but without the services of Mr. Needa it had to be content with being second, losing by 1½ lengths to its stable-mate Dupont Bay, which was the second string from Mr. T. K. Li's stable.

A fast pace was set by Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei), winner of the Double Tenth Plate, as soon as the barrier was lifted, followed by Dupont Bay, Gay Star (Mr. Tao), Johnber (Mr. Chao) and O-Lan. There was no change in the position after passing the ½ mile post, but on rounding the Village bend Mr. Black sent Dupont Bay forward to pass Distinctive Time, which tried its best to catch up but to no avail, having to be satisfied with third position after O-Lan had passed it near the 100 yards post.

Biggest Dividend

Biggest dividend of the day was paid by Income Tax, cleverly ridden by Mr. Tao, in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (first section) confined to "B" Class Australian ponies. Springhurst (Mr. Poy) monopolised the betting to the extent of 2,522 tickets in the win booths, and it certainly looked a winner fifty yards from the winning post, but it could only manage third place.

Franklin (Mr. Chao) took the lead for a short while and was then overhauled by Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), which had disappointed punters at the last two meetings, and it maintained its lead until nearing the Members' Stand, when the favourite, Springhurst, forged slightly ahead. Fair Chance then reasserted itself, but as these two ponies were fighting it out Income Tax, to the surprise of all, came through on the outside with a great burst of speed to overhaul the leaders and win by a short head from its stable-mate, Fair Chance, which was a short head in front of Springhurst.

Novice Upset

The third race, the Werribee Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies, was contested by Novice jockeys for the first time, and it resulted in yet another upset. Quick Despatch (Mr. Cooper) carried the bulk of the money, with Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) next in demand. Tarzan made

the running, followed by Winnie (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), Colorado Star (Mr. Sequeira), Quick Despatch and Sea Urchin (Mr. Chui). This position was maintained until after passing the 1¼ mile starting gate, when Mr. Chiu sent Winnie forward to overtake Tarzan and romp home an easy winner by five lengths, with Quick Despatch third, another three lengths behind.

Avon Surprises

The fourth race, the Wyndham Handicap for "B" Class China ponies over the Champions distance, again saw the favourite fall by the wayside. Red Feather (Mr. Wei) was backed to the tune of 1,965 win tickets, followed by Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) with 1,683 and Galaxy (Mr. Tao) with 1,653 and all three disappointed! The race started with Jobber (Mr. Chao) taking the lead, followed by Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), Red Feather, Galaxy and Avon (Mr. Black), the ultimate winner. No change was noticed until after passing the Rock, when Red Feather and Galaxy passed Jobber together, both fighting to take the lead with Galaxy having the better of the argument on reaching the last quarter, followed closely by Bear Claw (Mr. Trevorton), Avon and Rose Emily. On coming down the straight Red Feather and Bear Claw fell out of the race leaving Galaxy hotly challenged by Avon for first position, and the latter took the lead on reaching the mile post and went on to win by 1½ lengths with Rose Emily third, another four lengths away.

Disqualification

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Moore Park Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double" and in which the favourite, Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), again failed. Lancashire Chips, as usual, took an immediate lead, followed by Ascot Day (Mr. Hearne). On rounding the bend Lancashire Chips was still leading, but was overhauled by Ascot Day after passing the two-mile post gate and the latter looked every inch a winner. To the consternation of the crowd, however, it was passed near the post by Mr. Ip Kui-ying who had begun to apply his whip on Vanity Fair, and this win paid the second best win dividend of the day.

After the race the protest flag was hoisted and the Stewards subsequently held an enquiry into the riding of Mr. Ip, and it was later revealed that they had decided to disqualify Vanity Fair for bumping and boring, and the official result was given as follows:

- 1st. Ascot Day
- 2nd. Lancashire Chips
- 3rd. Viceroy (Mr. Black).

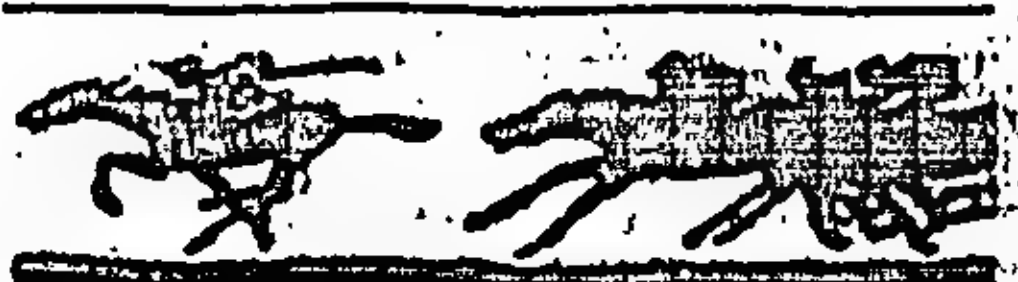
Favourite Second

The sixth race, the Ballarat Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies, resulted in another surprise for punters. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy) was made favourite, but it disappointed badly. Centre Court (Mr. Sung) adopted runaway tactics immediately the gate was released, followed by Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) and Twilight Star (Mr. S. W. Tang). Rounding the bend it was still leading and running strongly, but it found Cheerful Star a hard nut to crack and was passed in the straight. Cheerful Star went on to win by two lengths from Piccadilly Jim, which was second, 1½ lengths in front of Centre Court.

Thrilling Finish

Quite an interesting finish was witnessed in the seventh race, the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section), which was also the second leg of the "Daily Double" and in which the only favourite of the day did not disappoint, although it dead-heated for first position with Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) another outsider. Punters placed their money on Brown Derby (Mr. Black), which was recently promoted. Pumpnickel was off like a

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flash immediately the gate went up, followed by Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) and Sea Jay (Mr. Craven), and this order was maintained until passing the Rock, when Pumpnickel was being challenged by A Roaring Time (Mr. Wei). On rounding the bend into the home straight Pumpnickel bored out slightly, but not enough to jeopardise its chances of winning, and it was running sufficiently well to indicate a win, but Brown Derby, after passing A Roaring Time, came up on the outside and scored a thrilling dead-heat win with Pumpnickel.

Had Mr. Proulx ridden the same finish as he did on Fair Chance in a previous race, Brown Derby would not have had a chance to catch up with it. Mr. Proulx made the mistake of turning his head to see who was behind him at a critical stage of the race and by so doing he retarded the pony's running. In that split second Mr. Black saw his opportunity and with a great effort he forged Brown Derby forward to dead-heat with the delight of his admirers and to the sorrow of the only backer of Pumpnickel in the "Daily Double".

Punters Shaken

The last race of the day, the Kwangtung Handicap, on which the result of the big \$1.00 sweep depended, was certainly the most disastrous for punters. The public was so confident in Victoria (Mr. Pih) to win this race that 3,588 backers backed it to win. Once again Victoria disappointed, carrying 168 lbs., Thirty Six (Mr. Chao) was not conceded much of a chance of winning according to the betting, but it confounded the critics.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Sung) jumped out into the lead, followed by Eve of Hunting (Mr. Black), Just In Time (Mr. Wei), Victoria and Taxing Master (Mr. Tao). After passing the six furlongs post Taxing Master moved up to second position and Victoria was fourth. On passing the Rock, Victoria moved up to second position and on coming round the

'NAUTICAL TORTOISE' HAS ITS DAY

A NAUTICAL tortoise had its day when Sidney A. Allen won the historic Gold Cup in Hotsy Totsy III at Long Island, America, recently.

It was the first time Sid Allen ever competed for the ancient urn. He is 32 . . . runs a small boat yard, operates a motion picture theatre and roller skating rink and dabbles in real estate at Hampton Bays, L. I.

In a boat which had been considered a flop, and for which he paid only \$1,200, Allen snatched the coveted trophy by outlasting craft capable of 70 miles an hour and which cost \$35,000.

Slowest Time In 16 Years

Allen's time was the slowest in 16 years. He averaged less than 49 miles an hour in piling up 800 points in capturing the first two heats.

Hotsy Totsy III, a little two-step, mahogany-hulled, 22-foot affair, is to its owner the least expensive packet ever to bag the cup, and Allen did not receive the bill of sale from the widow of Victor Kliesrath until shortly before the race.

Kliesrath had Hotsy Totsy III constructed at a cost of \$15,000 in 1927, and considered her a failure after her cup bow that year.

Bend Thirty Six shot out from the bunch at a terrific speed to take the lead on the outside with Victoria, hugging the rails, slightly behind. Stride by stride these two ponies raced on with both jockeys using the whip freely to urge their ponies on, but try as he did Mr. Pih simply could not push Victoria ahead and had to admit defeat by a short head. It was undoubtedly due to Mr. Chao's fine riding that Thirty Six beat Victoria by a short head, with Blue Gate (Mr. Chang) third, three lengths behind.

Notre Dame Wins 3rd Heat

HERBERT Mendelson's Notre Dame couldn't get a tow for 30 minutes after being forced out of the first heat, and so much time was lost rescuing the Detroit creation that she couldn't be repaired in time for the second.

Notre Dame, with Danny Arena at the helm, won the third heat by miles . . . averaging 69.77.

Lou Fageol put water in the hull of So Long for the trip from Los Angeles. The idea was to keep the Californian from drying out, but the ignition, wiring and starter went blooie.

Gar Wood Jr.'s "Tinker Joy" Folds

TWO of the three motors in George Cannon's new Gray Goose III chucked it all. Gar Wood Jr.'s Tinker Joy folded.

Only the despised Hotsy Totsy III and the 15-year-old Miss Syndicate, which isn't even a hydroplane, escaped being crippled.

Not one of the half dozen starters went the entire 90 miles represented by three 30-mile heats, but Hotsy Totsy III kept chugging right along until flagged off the course in the final test because she couldn't finish within nine minutes of the first boat, Notre Dame.

When Notre Dame finally did get going, she was 10 miles ahead, but it was too late.

As Herb Mendelson remarked: it was enough to make a fellow remain on land forever.

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AXIS SEEKING TO BRING FRANCE INTO THE WAR

Impending Visit Of Von Ribbentrop To Vichy

ANTI-AXIS MOVEMENT IN FRANCE

The anti-Axis movement in unoccupied France is described by a writer in the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

The writer is anonymous, but is said to be a well-known politician, not a Swiss, who has spent the last few months in Vichy.

The anti-British feeling which followed the collapse of France and the incidents at Oran and Dakar, he says, has been replaced by a growing sympathy as British resistance continues.

For a long time, the French people could not understand why their countrymen bearing a white flag were fired on at Dakar.

They now believe that the order to fire was given by the Germans.

While Marshal Petain is anxious to check any anti-British feeling, the writer says, he is opposed by Laval and Baudouin, who are staking everything on the Nazi cards.—Reuter.

HARBOUR RESCUE

Risking his life, a 16-year-old Chinese bootblack on board one of the Hong Kong-Yaumati ferry launches, jumped into the harbour yesterday afternoon and rescued a 63-year-old woman who attempted to commit suicide. The woman was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Rejection By Petain Predicted

REPORTS ARE LINKING together rumours of an impending visit by Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, to Vichy and that M. Laval, Vichy Vice-Premier, is in Paris negotiating on a proposal for reaching a definite armistice with the Axis.

According to American correspondents, M. Laval's proposal is that France should give up Alsace-Lorraine, Nice, Tunis and Djibouti.

The Axis would undertake not to steal anything else if Vichy declared war on Britain.

There are German-inspired suggestions that negotiations have reached a point where Ribbentrop's visit to Vichy might clinch them.

The German press, for the past two weeks, has refrained from saying anything derogatory about France.

According to these American correspondents, it is agreed that Marshal Petain would reject any such proposal and it is believed that Laval himself doubts if the French army, navy and air force would fight Great Britain.

Other reports indicate that the French people hold this view.

For instance, in Paris, the police have found 18 centres for the secret printing and distribution of pamphlets, and 615 people have been arrested.—Reuter.

French Socialists Issue Manifesto

"THE SOCIALISTS OF FRANCE ARE CONVINCED THAT ENGLAND FIGHTS ALONE TO DEFEND THE FREEDOM OF THE ENTIRE WORLD AGAINST THE MONSTROUS ATTEMPT TO ENSLAVE IT MADE BY HITLER AND MUSSOLINI."

"They salute with admiration the resistance of the British people and are convinced that in this they are at one with almost the entire French population."

This declaration is made in a manifesto recently drawn up in unoccupied French territory by members of the French Socialist Party and which has just reached London.—Reuter.

Berlin Comment On Churchill Broadcast

Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast to France was described in political circles in Berlin yesterday as "an attempt to enlist the French people once more as an ally," according to the official German news agency.

It is further described as "another proof of the hopeless position of Britain who, without chance of escape, is moving towards her destruction."—Reuter.

BROADCAST NOT PRINTED IN FRANCE

Mr. Churchill's broadcast to the French people has not yet been released by the Vichy Government for publication in unoccupied France.

The only comment is from a Vichy Foreign Office spokesman, who said it was interesting to note how Mr. Churchill tried to throw the responsibility for the war on to the Germans.

The American press widely praises the speech.

The "New York Times" says it was "a call of a free man to his comrades in prison" and a most effective argument for his silent supporters in France.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that the note of confidence in Mr. Churchill's speech was stronger than in any of his earlier calls to arms.—Reuter.

NOTHING IMPORTANT TO REPORT

"Nothing important to report in Egypt, the Sudan and Palestine," said yesterday's Cairo communique. The communique adds that one of our patrols successfully attacked the enemy at Dukhan, Kenya. The enemy withdrew, leaving five killed as well as equipment and camels.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Karachi Maru (5,860 tons), of the Yamamoto Steamship Co., ran aground early this morning 200 metres off Esudori beach, off western Setore, in south Saghalien.

No damage was done to the vessel and the passengers are safe, it is reported.—Reuter.

An officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs was killed and two others wounded last night in a clash with a party of smugglers over the border near Sha-taukok.

The wounded men were conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital last night and their condition was reported to be favourable this morning.

While returning from patrol to the Customs station near Sha-taukok, the three Chinese officers observed a group of men and called on them to halt. Instead of obeying, one of the men fired and wounded the foremost officer in the right thigh.

The other two then opened fire and the smugglers replied with rifles and revolvers. As a result, Chinese officer Ho Yau was killed and the other wounded, just before the arrival offshore of a Chinese Customs launch which threw its searchlight on the area causing the smugglers to scatter.

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Hitler yesterday received Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier, according to the German wireless. Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, was present at the interview.

Hitler is at present somewhere in France, where he received Laval, the German wireless announced later, but the actual meeting place was not revealed.

Meanwhile despatches from Berlin received in New York agree that Ribbentrop has left the German capital.

He is generally believed to be on his way to Vichy or Madrid or both and it is hinted that a final peace settlement with the Petain Government may be in the wind. —Reuter.

Comment Of
French Ambassador

On leaving the office of Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, after a talk yesterday, M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador, told waiting reporters he had not the slightest information, direct or indirect, about reports that France might enter the war on Germany's side.

The Ambassador was understood to have discussed a proposal to send additional United States observers to Martinique.

M. Haye declined to comment directly on the report but said the American and French Governments were trying to determine what to do with the 100 American-made war planes which the French aircraft-carrier Bearn had taken there.

In answer to questions about the Vichy Government's reaction to Mr. Churchill's address, M. Haye said: "I don't know. I only know my own. I was very much impressed but if he had said something about easing the blockade for the benefit of French women and children, that would touch the French people very much." —Reuter.

WEYGAND AT FEZ

General Weygand flew to Fez on Monday to review the troops of the local garrison, stated the Vichy radio yesterday. —Reuter.

H.M.S. KIMBERLEY
IN RED SEA SCRAPItalian Destroyer
Blown Up

THE ITALIAN DESTROYER FRANCESCO NULLO WAS FORCED A GROUND AND BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO FIRED FROM THE BRITISH DESTROYER KIMBERLEY IN A SPIRITED ACTION IN THE RED SEA.

This was revealed in an official Admiralty communique issued in London last night giving an entirely different complexion to the action as reported by Rome.

During the night of Sunday/Monday, relates the Admiralty, one of our convoys in the Red Sea was attacked by two Italian destroyers who fired torpedoes at the escorting vessels and shelled the convoy.

Our escorting vessels immediately opened fire on the enemy and gave chase.

Contact was temporarily lost but H.M.S. Kimberley (com-

manded by Lt-Comm J. A. M. Richardson, R.N.) regained touch at daylight and engaged one enemy destroyer identified as the Francesco Nullo.

After an action lasting 40 minutes the Italian destroyer, having been heavily damaged, ran ashore and was blown up by a torpedo fired from Kimberley.

Kimberley Hit

Kimberley came under the fire of a shore battery of three guns and received one hit, splinters from which damaged a steam pipe and reduced her speed.

Kimberley succeeded, however, in silencing two out of the three shore guns.

In this spirited action Kimberley sustained three wounded, and the next of kin will be informed

SMALL
SCALE AIR
RAIDS

Enemy air attacks on Britain yesterday were on a very small scale, says an Air Ministry communique issued in London last evening.

A few sporadic raids were made in the morning by single enemy aircraft on several towns on the south-east coast and some damage was done.

In two towns houses were demolished and a few people were killed or injured.

A force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast in the afternoon near Dungeness. They were promptly intercepted by strong forces of our fighters and were unable to penetrate to the London area.

Reports so far received show that in this attack very little damage was done though a few bombs were dropped on a south-east town. —Reuter.

as soon as possible. No other ship, either escorting vessel or in convoy, received any damage. —Reuter.

NO GENERAL EXODUS
OF BRITONS IN
EAST EXPECTED

THE NEWS THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE ADVISING BRITONS WHO HAVE NO SPECIAL REASON FOR STAYING IN JAPANESE-OCCUPIED AREAS IN CHINA TO LEAVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED CALMLY IN SHANGHAI.

No general exodus is expected unless more definite instructions are forthcoming.

Only about 90 Americans in the Tientsin area have indicated their wish to evacuate within the next few months, it is learned from official American sources in Shanghai.

There are about 700 United States nationals resident in the Tientsin area.

London's view is that those Britons who can should leave both China and Japan.

"While Going Is Good"

Any British subjects in Japan whose duties do not entail their staying would obviously be well advised to leave "while the going is good," although there has been no question of Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, putting into effect his emergency scheme for the evacuation of British subjects from Japan, it was stated in well-informed quarters in London yesterday, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

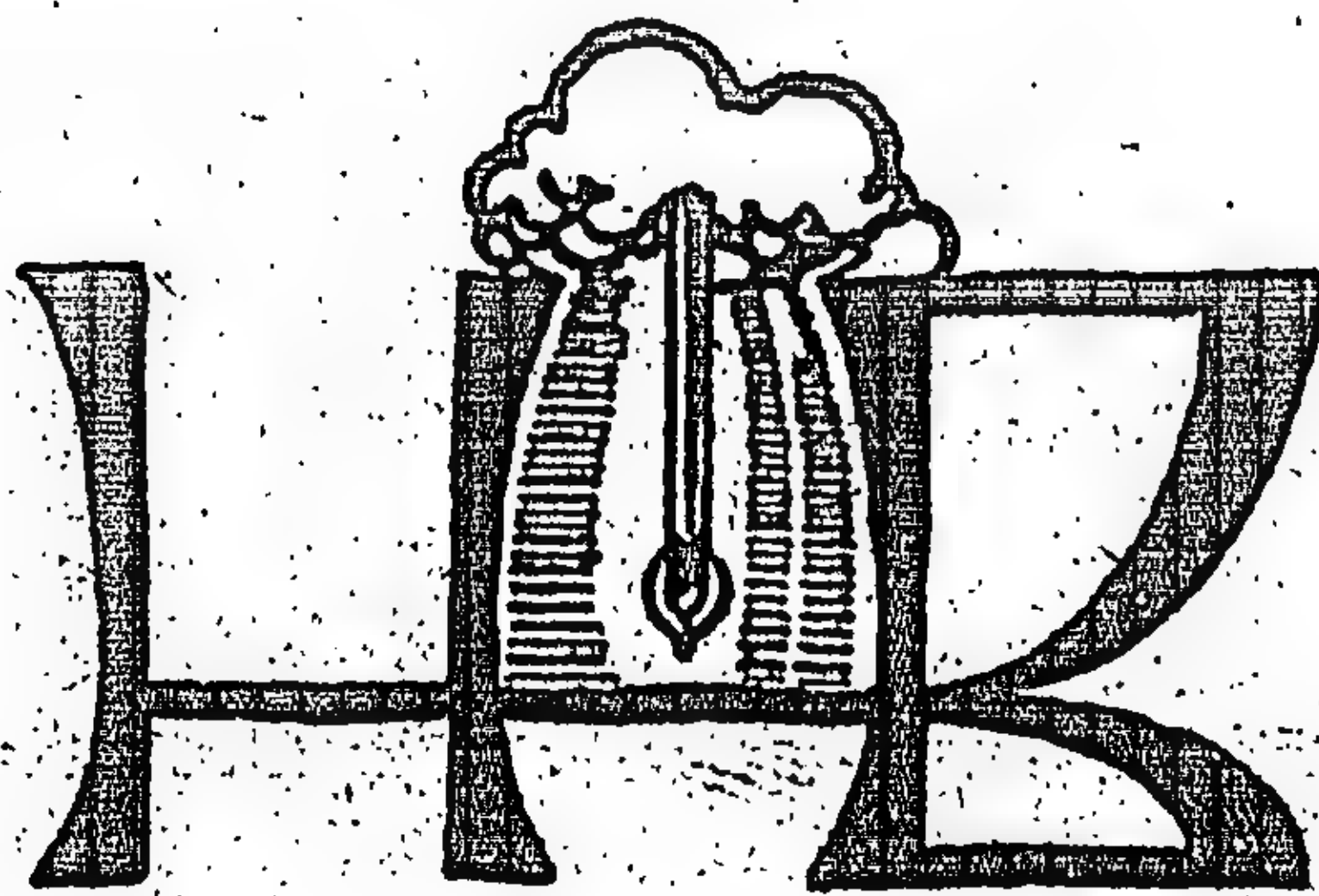
There has been no change in the immediate situation and British subjects who have businesses are carrying on to the best of their ability. —Reuter.

ATHLONE'S VISIT
TO ROOSEVELT

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, were engaged in animated conversation as they walked down the platform from the train on which the Governor-General returned from his weekend visit to the Roosevelts at Hyde Park, N.Y., yesterday.

It is not the custom that any Vice-Royal statement should be made but it is understood the visit was most satisfactory and pleasant in every way. —Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

STAGE SET FOR GRAZIANI

Great Strengthening Of British Army In Desert Skirmishes Between Armoured Units

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With the British Army in the Western Desert)

A MARKED STRENGTHENING OF THE BRITISH DEFENCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT WAS THE CHIEF IMPRESSION LEFT BY A VISIT I HAVE JUST MADE TO THIS FRONT.

Present military activity is not large, consisting chiefly of skirmishes and brief clashes between forward armoured units, but it is reasonable to suppose that an Italian advance may be ordered by Marshal Graziani in the near future.

Italian 'planes are busy photographing what is visible of the enormously increased British defence posts while the R.A.F. daily pounds the Italian rear between Sidi Barrani and Benghazi.

The Italians attempt to retaliate with raids on desert camps, which are excellently camouflaged, hence casualties are extremely small.

General Gallina, who now appears to be second-in-command to Marshal Graziani, has encountered difficulties in preparing his troops for a further advance into Egypt, as Moslem troops are reluctant to further invade Egypt.

The reluctance has increased as many of General Gallina's troops are pure Egyptians who settled in Cyrenaica, being subsequently conscripted.

Senussi Tribes

A large number of Libyan troops are of the Senussi tribe which is notably lukewarm in its support of the Italians.

Hence the advance appears likely to be delayed until after the Feasts of Ramadan and Bairam, which conclude 16 days hence.

Full use of the difficult desert terrain has been made in the British defence system on the preparation of which the British troops enthusiastically engaged.

Quiet Confidence

Everywhere quiet confidence is expressed. New Zealand troops particularly are pleased at being in the war zone after their long training near Cairo.

Great underground defence works have been constructed beneath the desert by the British army. Almost perfect cover is assured for tents and equipment, to such an extent that Italian bombers frequently unload their bombs on the desert at random in the hope of hitting something.

Entire Bedouin tribes have been seen trekking from the war zone driving herds and flocks before them.

They are no embarrassment to the military authorities for they are mainly nomadic and able to find a living almost anywhere.—Reuter.

FRENCH IN ARMY OF KENYA

THE FREE FRENCH COMMUNITY OF KENYA HAS PRESENTED AN AMBULANCE TO GENERAL DICKENSEN, THE G.O.C.

In accepting the gift, the G.O.C. said it was only one sign of the magnificent effort free Frenchmen were making.

He was glad to say that quite a number of free French were serving in his army.—Reuter.



Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by officials, inspecting the damage caused by German bombing in the East End of London. (Copyright, Fox).

AXIS SCRAMBLING FOR RESOURCES FOR LONG WAR

EVERY MOVE OF THE Axis powers in the Balkans, balked in their expectation of a speedy victory, is now directed to the acquisition of resources from the Near East and Africa which the blockade denies them, declared the London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday in an editorial on the Eastern Group Supply Conference to be opened in New Delhi on Friday.

The "Telegraph" adds the Far East also, if they can invent the means, is to pay them tribute.

While the Dictators prate thus of establishing a new order, a new world order has already come into being.

The free Empire of our British Commonwealth is marshalling its united strength for a war effort such as civilisation has never known.

After referring to the industrial possibilities of the countries represented at the conference, the paper adds that these Empire countries, with little other assistance, provide for the British armies of the Near East through a major campaign.

Empire Soon To Deploy

Our own resources and those which we draw from Canada and the Western Hemisphere will be free to strike where their blows will be most deadly.

The strength of the unity of the free Empire has never been understood by the Dictators. It will soon deploy against them resources which no schemes or drives of theirs can match.—Reuter.

KING'S NEW MILITARY AIDES

A NEW HONOUR FOR BRITISH ARMY LEADERS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE LAST NIGHT IN THE FORM OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AS AIDES-DE-CAMP GENERAL TO THE KING.

General Viscount Gort, with effect from July 20, in succession to General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has been promoted Field-Marshal.

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, with effect from June 8, in succession to General Sir William Bartholomew, who has

DE GAULLE MAKESTOUR OF AFRICA

General de Gaulle, Leader of Free Frenchmen, has just concluded a tour of French Equatorial Africa, including the interior of the Cameroons and the Chad region.

At Yaounde, capital of the Cameroons, and Port Lamy, capital of Chad, and numerous other places which the party visited by plane, General de Gaulle was enthusiastically welcomed by the European and native population, local chiefs often coming from afar to affirm their loyalty.

Perhaps the most moving moment of the whole tour was a meeting at the Governor's headquarters at Fort Lamy between General de Gaulle and General Catroux, former Governor of Indo-China, who went especially from London to assure General de Gaulle of his full support and bearing new evidence of Britain's will and growing power to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

General Catroux has left for England again, while General de Gaulle is back in Duala.—Reuter.

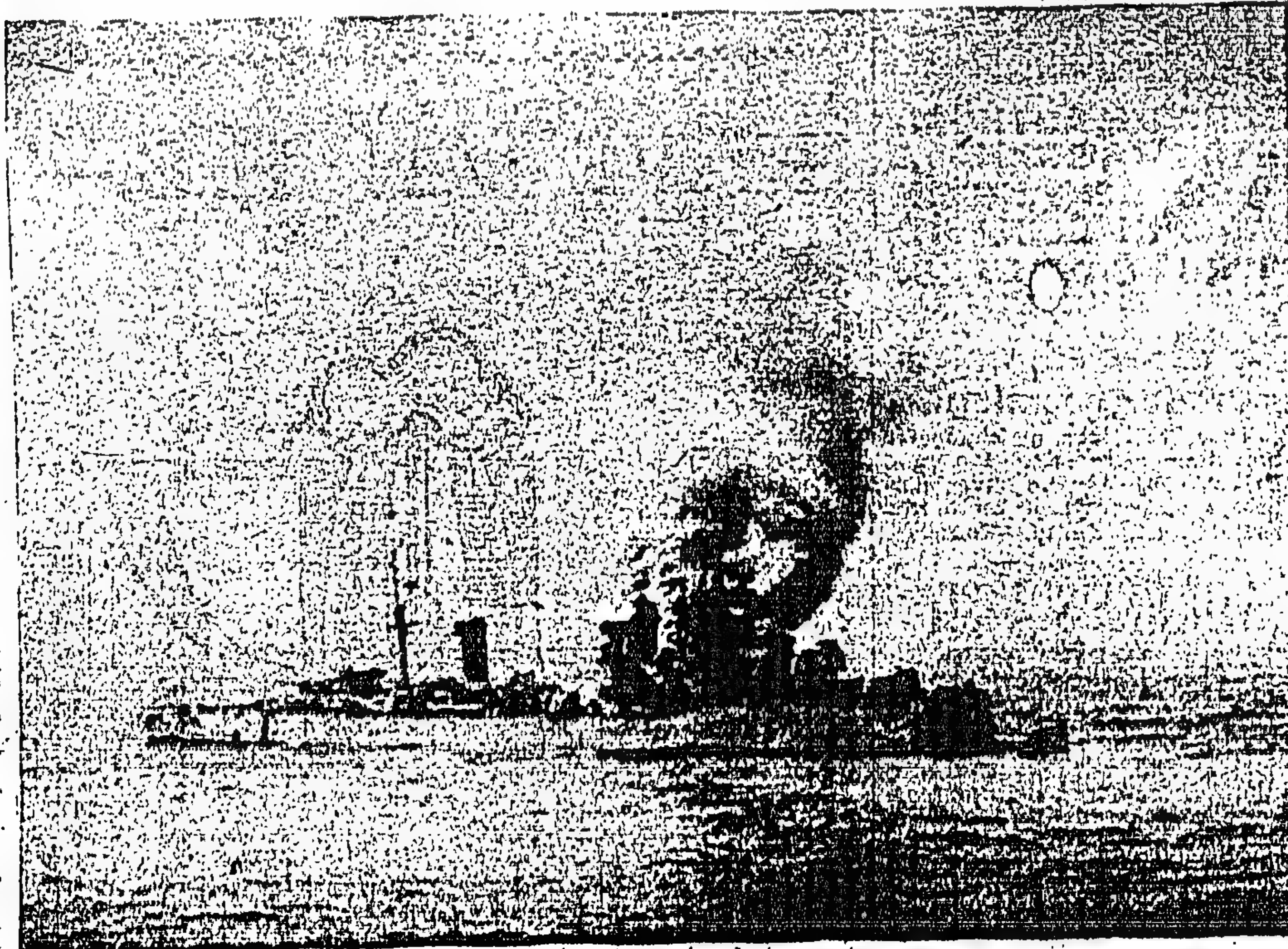
retired from the active list. General Sir John Dill, with effect from July 1, in succession to General Sir Walter Kirke, who has retired from the active list.—Reuter.

INDIA'S EFFORTS TO AID BRITAIN

AMONG THE LATEST EMPIRE WAR GIFTS IS A SUM OF £21,000 FROM ASSAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR FIGHTER PLANES, WHILE THE WAR SAVINGS FUND IN CALCUTTA HAS NOW SENT £367,500 TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A Lahore message says that the leader of a large Moslem organisation has offered to buy a fighter and also the services of 50,000 volunteers.

The Governor of the North-West Frontier Provinces has received a pledge of loyalty from the ruler and people of Chitral.—Reuter.



Picture taken at the sinking of the Italian six-inch cruiser, Bartolomeo Colleoni, by H.M.A.S. Sydney in the Mediterranean. Sydney, accompanied by a small destroyer force, engaged two Italian cruisers to the north west of Crete. The other withdrew with the British in pursuit. It is plain that the Bartolomeo Colleoni has felt the weight of the British guns. Her bows are blown clean away. (Copyright, Fox).

New German Warships In Dock At Hamburg Heavily Bombed

A Thousand Incendiaries Dropped

ENEMY WARSHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE BLOHM AND VOSS SHIP-BUILDING YARDS AT HAMBURG WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT BY R.A.F. BOMBERS, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

High explosive and over 1,000 fire bombs were dropped on the shipyard and docks in the immediate vicinity in a raid which began soon after 8 p.m. and continued for more than an hour.



Furniture and belongings to residents in a bombed London area assembled in the roadway next morning. (Copyright, Fox).

R.A.F. 'PLANE SCORES DIRECT HIT

An enemy merchant vessel of nearly 2,000 tons was successfully bombed three miles off the Hook of Holland by an R.A.F. 'plane yesterday afternoon.

After sighting the enemy vessel the British bomber dived through the clouds and dropped a stick of high explosive bombs from a height of 900 feet, scoring a direct hit on the bow of the vessel, announces the Air Ministry.—Reuter.

CIVILIAN DEFENCE MEDALS

John German, a part-time Bolton air raid warden who, although wounded in an air raid, struggled to his post and collapsed but got his message through, has been awarded the George Medal, it was announced in the "London Gazette" last night.

The George Medal is also awarded to a Birmingham auxiliary fireman and to members of the Bristol and Cardiff fire brigades and auxiliary fire services and to the chief officer of the Milford Haven fire brigade, and the Medal of the Order of the British Empire to a Bristol auxiliary fireman and a member of the Newport fire brigade.

All these awards are in recognition of gallant conduct during very serious fires started by hostile air attack. While it was being fought there were further air raids, day and night, and the firemen were machine-gunned as well as bombed.—Reuter.

A heavy ground haze, great searchlight activity and intense anti-aircraft fire made conditions difficult for the raiding crews but by making individual attacks from different directions and heights they were able to evade the ground defences and press home their attacks.

Many fires broke out in the shipyard and surrounding docks and in one place a chain of fires became one great flaming mass.

Oil Refinery Ablaze

Heavy bombers made a lightning raid on an oil refinery at Reisholz, near Duesseldorf, at 6.30 p.m.

For ten minutes high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained on the plant and 14 separate fires were counted in the target area.

Many explosions and fires were started in railway yards at Duesseldorf and Derendorf and bombs were also dropped on the main line south-west of Duesseldorf and an aerodrome at Stade.—Reuter.

WIDESPREAD R.A.F. OPERATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST

AN ITALIAN DESTROYER IN THE RED SEA WAS ATTACKED ON MONDAY BY R.A.F. BOMBERS AND A DIRECT HIT ON THE VESSEL'S STERN WAS SCORED.

This was only part of widespread operations by the R.A.F. in the Middle East on Monday, says the Air Ministry.

Near Sollum low level attacks on enemy working parties and motor transport were carried out. A number of military vehicles was destroyed by fire and others severely damaged.

Several R.A.F. bombing raids were carried out on Asmara and Gura, in Eritrea, when tankers near workshops were hit and buildings set on fire. Two raids were made on Bahardar (Lake Tana) in Italian East Africa, on the aerodrome, causing three explosions.

Chased 30 Miles

An Italian 'plane intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. air-

CANADA'S NAVAL BUILDING

SIX MORE LARGE STEAM-DRIVEN MINE-SWEEPERS AT A COST OF ABOUT £120,000 EACH HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CANADIAN MUNITIONS MINISTER, MR. C. D. HOWE, YESTERDAY.

This brings the number of vessels in Canada's major shipbuilding programme to 98, involving a cost of more than £12,000,000 and consisting of 34 mine-sweepers for the Canadian Navy, ten corvettes for the Royal Navy and 54 corvettes for the Canadian Navy.

A very substantial proportion of these 98 ships will have been launched before the end of this year.—Reuter.

EASIER TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Trading was slow on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and although there was a general easier disposition there were no signs of selling pressure throughout the session. Home rails, however, again moved against the general trend due to further provincial buying interest.

LORD LOTHIAN SEES THE KING

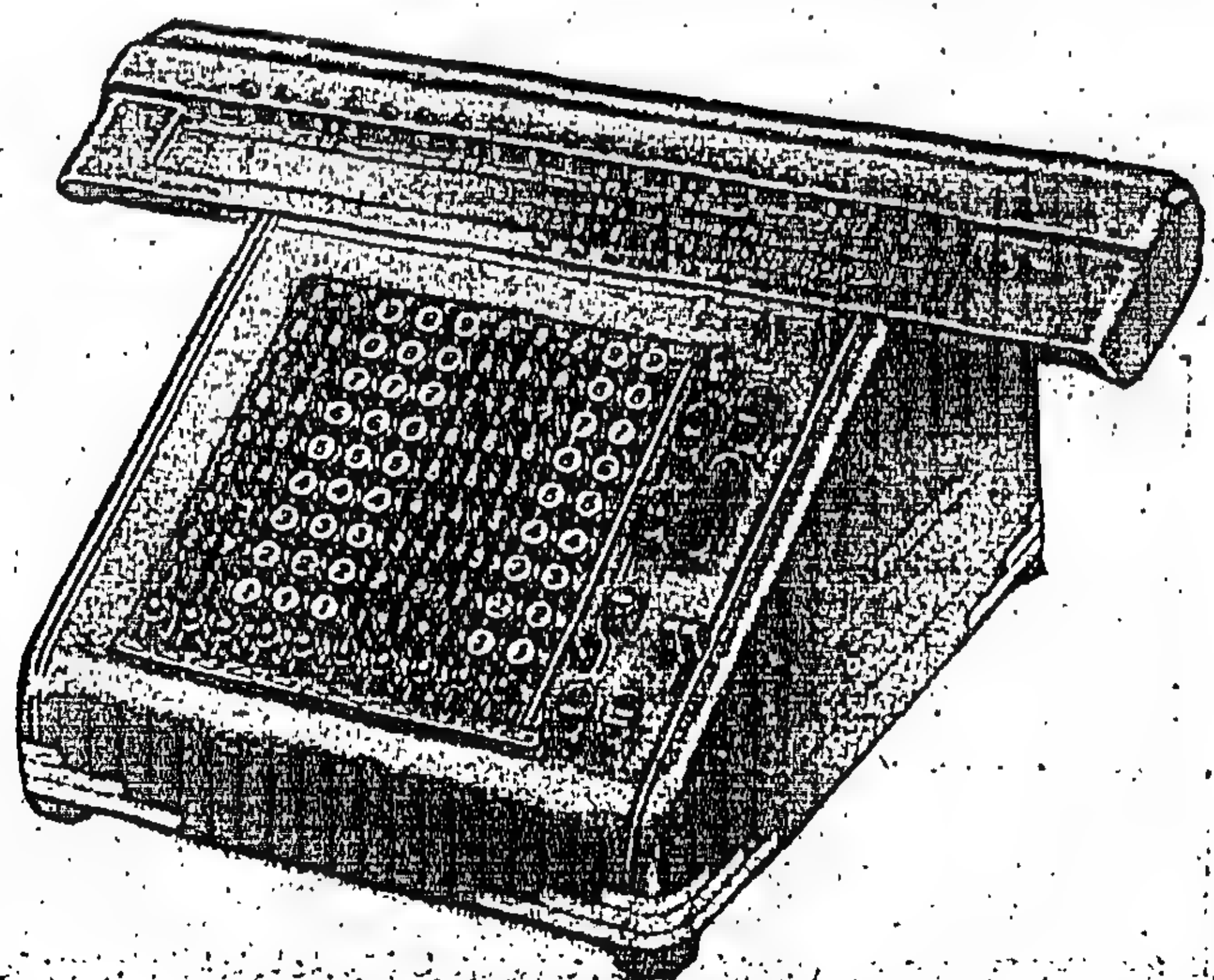
Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, who is in London, was received by the King yesterday.

His Majesty also received Mr. Winston Churchill who remained to lunch.—Reuter.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.—Reuter.

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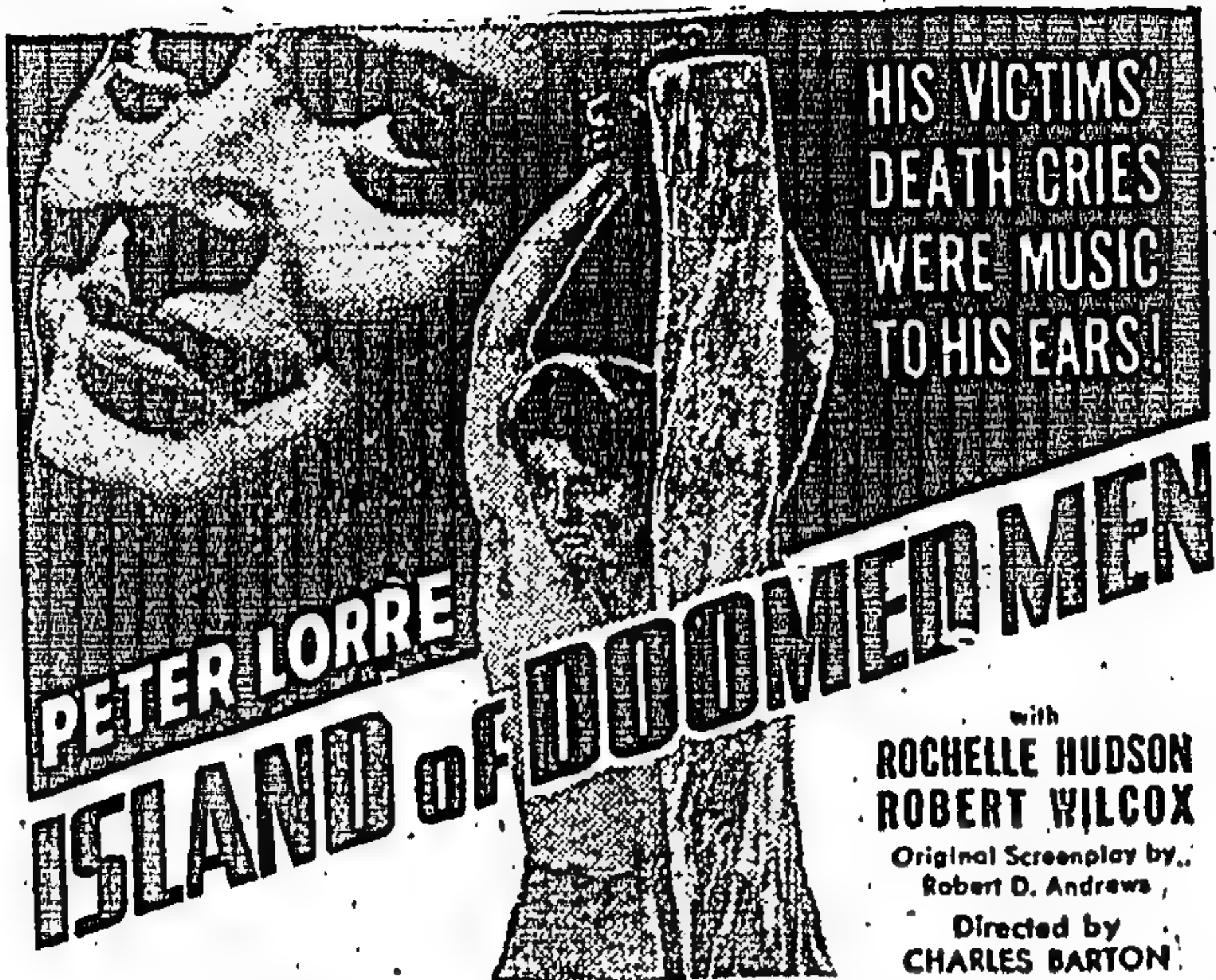
In a recent engagement over the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier, a fighter 'plane of the South African Air Force shot down an Italian Caproni bomber, the crew of which was taken prisoner.

A number of enemy 'planes over Malta on Monday fled without attempting to attack when intercepted by British fighters.—Reuter.

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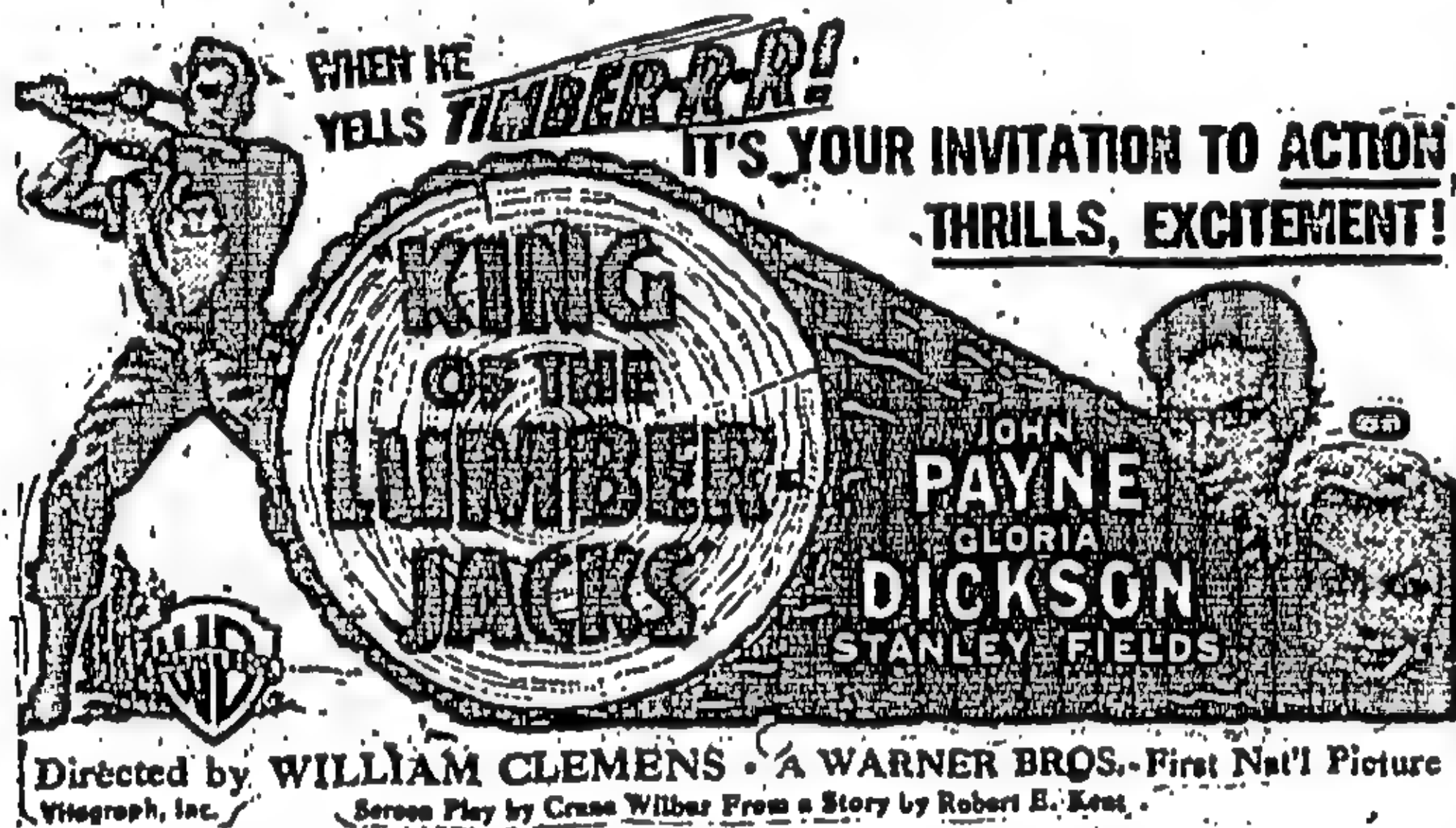


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America's Popular Ambassador Off To Washington

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, United States Ambassador in London, left England yesterday for Lisbon where he is taking the Clipper for New York.

In a farewell message just as he was leaving the Embassy in London, Mr. Kennedy said: "I would like to tell them over there how it is here. I have been through it all and have the greatest admiration for Londoners."

One of the Ambassador's last acts before leaving was to inspect a parade of the local mounted branch of the Home Guard in his country house where he was heartily cheered.

Another evidence that his admiration for the British is reciprocated is revealed in an article by the well-known political writer, Beverley Baxter.

The latter, commenting on Mr. Kennedy's work on behalf of Anglo-American friendship, says that when the Ambassador arrived with his charming wife and large family he captured the imagination of the British public.

Everything he said and did enhanced the affection of those of us who knew him and the esteem of the whole nation.

A Great Ambassador

After the war began and Mr. Kennedy went home he did not play the role we had, perhaps rather foolishly, expected. He steadfastly remained an American Ambassador instead of becoming a British one.

The result was that his popularity underwent a slump but to his eternal credit he did not become embittered.

Now, for no other reason than true recognition of his character, his popularity has come back.

It has nothing to do with his family, his golf or his smile. It is more solid and enduring. He has earned the respect due to a great American Ambassador who never for a moment mistook the country to which he was accredited for the country of his birth. —Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY DEMANDS

A complete overhaul of the Australian war and home defence administrations and an increase in soldiers' pay are among demands being made by the official Labour Party.

They are contained in a letter handed to the Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, by Mr. Curtin, Labour Leader, at the conference of party managers yesterday which is discussing the proposal for a national government.

The conference held a secret session in the morning and there was another meeting later to Mr. Menzies' reply to Labour's demands. —Reuter.

KENYA SKIRMISH

A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST AN ENEMY POST NEAR THE KENYA FRONTIER WAS ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

The communique says one of our ground patrols attacked an enemy post at Dukana, near the Kenya border, 70 miles from Lake Rudolf.

The enemy withdrew, leaving five dead as well as camels and equipment. Our casualties were one killed and one wounded. —Reuter.

POLISH PATRIOT KILLED

Maciej Rataj, distinguished Polish political leader and patriot, has been killed by the Gestapo, according to Polish circles in London yesterday.

He is stated to have been murdered five months ago but the news has only just become known.

The official German version is that he died from heart failure but according to Polish circles in London he died after third degree torture.

For many years Rataj was Speaker of the Polish Parliament and leader of the biggest political party, the Radical Peasants Party. —Reuter.

ITALY DECLINES TO APOLOGISE

"In bombing oil properties on Bahrain Island, Italy was exercising the right of war."

This was the comment made in authorised Rome circles yesterday on the protest filed with the United States State Department by the California Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company against the alleged bombing of American owned oil properties. The Italian view is said to be that, firstly, Bahrain Island being

AUSTRALIA TO HAVE MIXED WAR COUNCIL

An important step for the realisation of party political unity in Australia for the prosecution of the war was made by the conference of party managers yesterday when they accepted the Labour Party proposal for the formation of an Australian War Council.

Labour members of the Council will comprise three from the official Labour Party and one from the Non-Communist Labour Party. The Council, over which the Premier will preside, will be established without delay.

The Premier revealed in a press interview that he had offered the combined Labour parties 40 per cent. of the portfolios in the National Government a week ago but this matter had not been discussed further. —Reuter.

Historic Decision

Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, stated that the decision to set up the Council was "a historic one and significant of the united determination of the Australian people and political parties to do their utmost in the war in which their very existence is at stake."

The Council will comprise four members representing the Government and four of the opposition. Its task will be to assist and advise in the Commonwealth's war effort.

The Labour Party has agreed to place the services of its individual members at the disposal of Ministers for the prosecution of the war. —Reuter.

a British protectorate, companies exploiting oil there are juridically British, and, secondly, "England thanks to the treaty concluded with the local Emir, has political and economic supremacy on the island." —Reuter.

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MILITARY MISSION SCOUTED

There is no confirmation in Chungking of the report that Britain is sending a military mission to China.

Well-informed quarters are inclined to the belief that such a mission is not necessary at the present juncture, as they are convinced Japan is unlikely to take drastic action either against Britain or the United States in the near future in the Far East.

Chinese circles are of opinion that Japan will probably confine her activities at present to the aerial bombing of the Burma road and also to strengthening her position in Indo-China.

Despite Japanese threats they point out that for economic, if not for other reasons, Japan is not in a position to wage war in the Pacific against the United States or Britain.

A British military mission to China would be necessary in the

LIGHTS FOR LIFE JACKETS IN FUTURE

Replying to a parliamentary question yesterday the Minister of Shipping announced that life-jacket lights had been supplied to the crews of all merchant ships owned or managed by the Shipping Ministry. Mr. Cross added that the question of making such lights obligatory for merchant crews would depend upon experience as to the utility of those issued by the Ministry. — British Wireless.

event of a determined Japanese drive towards Burma for an attack on Singapore. — Reuter.

CUSTOMS BATTLE ON BORDER

An officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs was killed and two others wounded last night in a clash with a party of smugglers over the border near Sha-tau-kok.

The wounded men were conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital last night and their condition was reported to be favourable this morning.

While returning from patrol to the Customs station near Sha-tau-kok, the three Chinese officers observed a group of men and called on them to halt. Instead of obeying, one of the men fired and wounded the foremost officer in the right thigh.

The other two then opened fire and the smugglers replied with rifles and revolvers. As a result, Chinese officer Ho Yau was killed and the other wounded, just before the arrival offshore of a Chinese Customs launch which threw its searchlight on the area causing the smugglers to scatter.

KUNMING FEASTS

The first caravan of motor-trucks from the China-Burma border, following the re-opening of the highway last Friday, reached Kunming yesterday.

Last night there was feasting and celebrating in the city.

The majority of the truck drivers were Chinese but a number were Indians and Burmese. The whole journey from the Burmese border was made without hitch in spite of the Japanese bombings.

Part of the caravan will leave Kunming to-day for points further in the interior, while some of the trucks will make a return trip to the Burma border.—Our Own Correspondent.

FOUR GIRLS ENTICED?

FOUR CHINESE GIRLS, BETWEEN 13 AND 15, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES YESTERDAY, TAKING THEIR PERSONAL CLOTHING AND MONEY BELONGING TO THEIR PARENTS WITH THEM.

It is believed that the girls were enticed away. One of them left a letter stating that she was going to Macao where a friend has found a job for her.

The girls left their homes at different times between 12 noon and 1 p.m. yesterday and were last seen leaving a beauty saloon where they had had their hair dressed. They were accompanied by a man.

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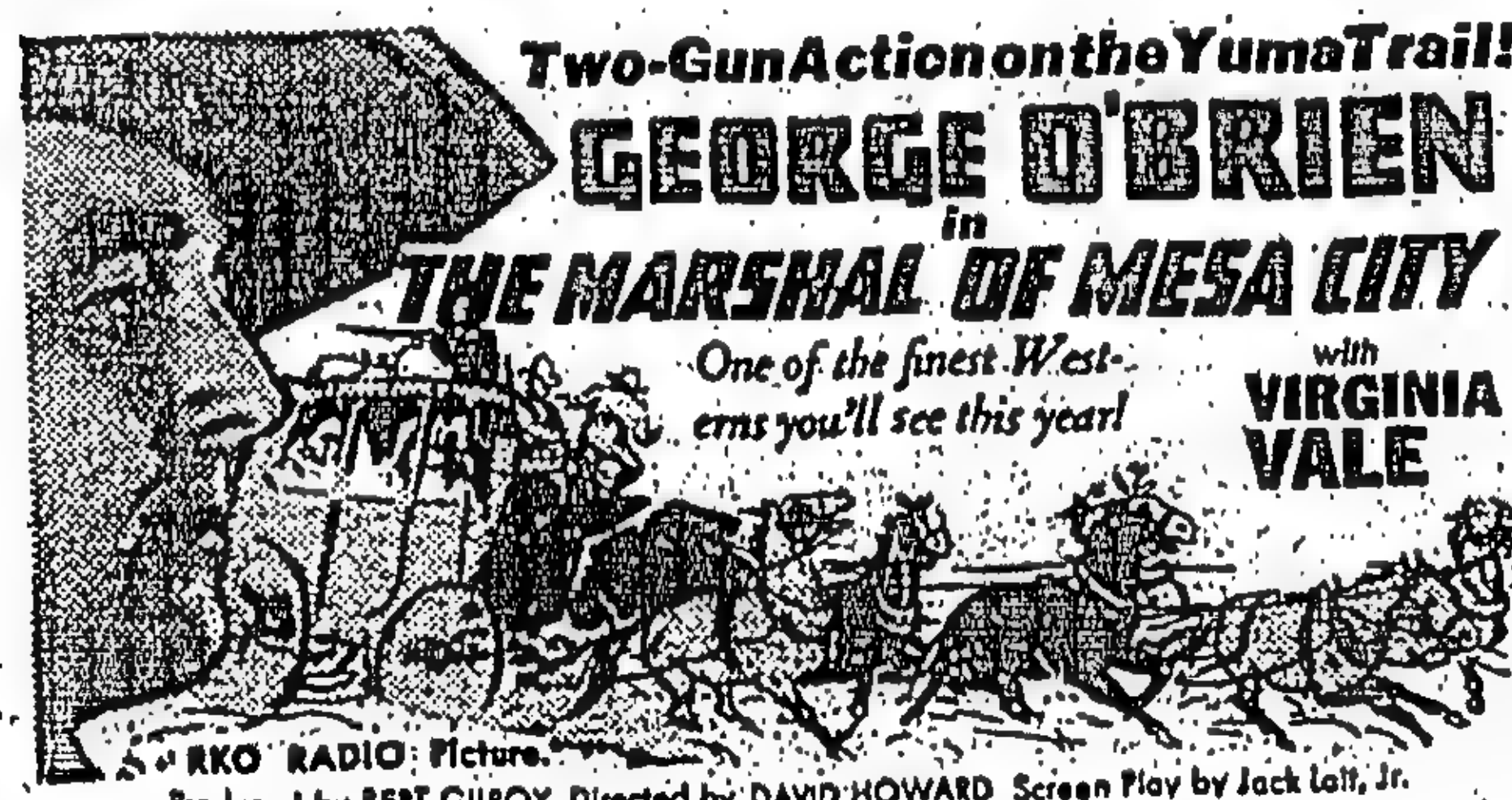
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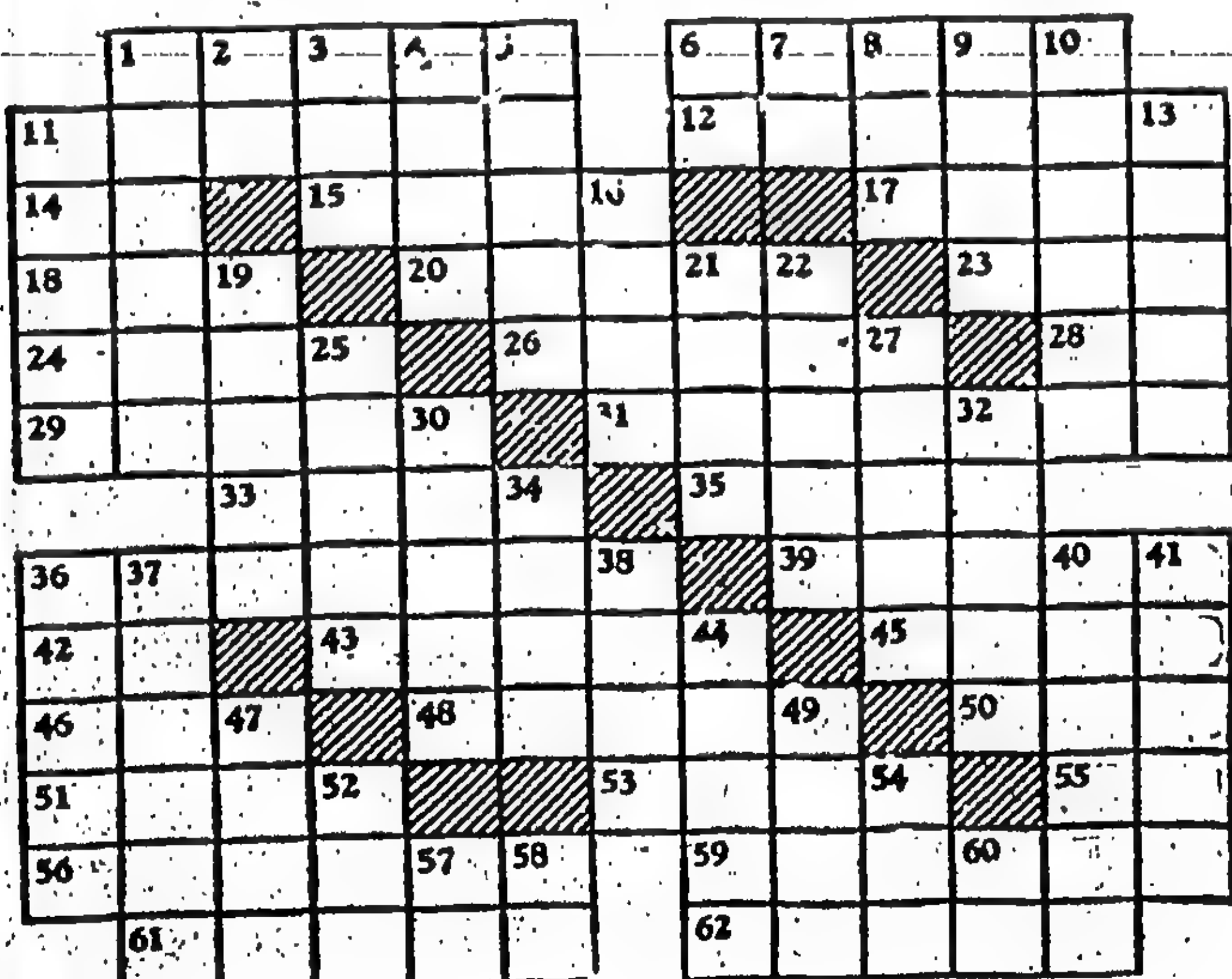


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- 18 Mischief - child
- 20 Hebrew letter
- 23 High note
- 24 To jump
- 28 To frequent
- 29 Exits
- 29 Ancient chariot
- 31 To take back
- 33 South African
- 35 Sly glance
- 36 Person qualified to vote
- 38 Nocturnal carnivore
- 42 Behold
- 43 Wading bird
- 45 To remove
- 46 Skilled aviator
- 48 The devil
- 50 Colloquial: to flee
- 51 Sailors

- 53 River in England
- 55 Toward
- 56 Star-shaped figure
- 59 Ascended
- 61 Compound ether
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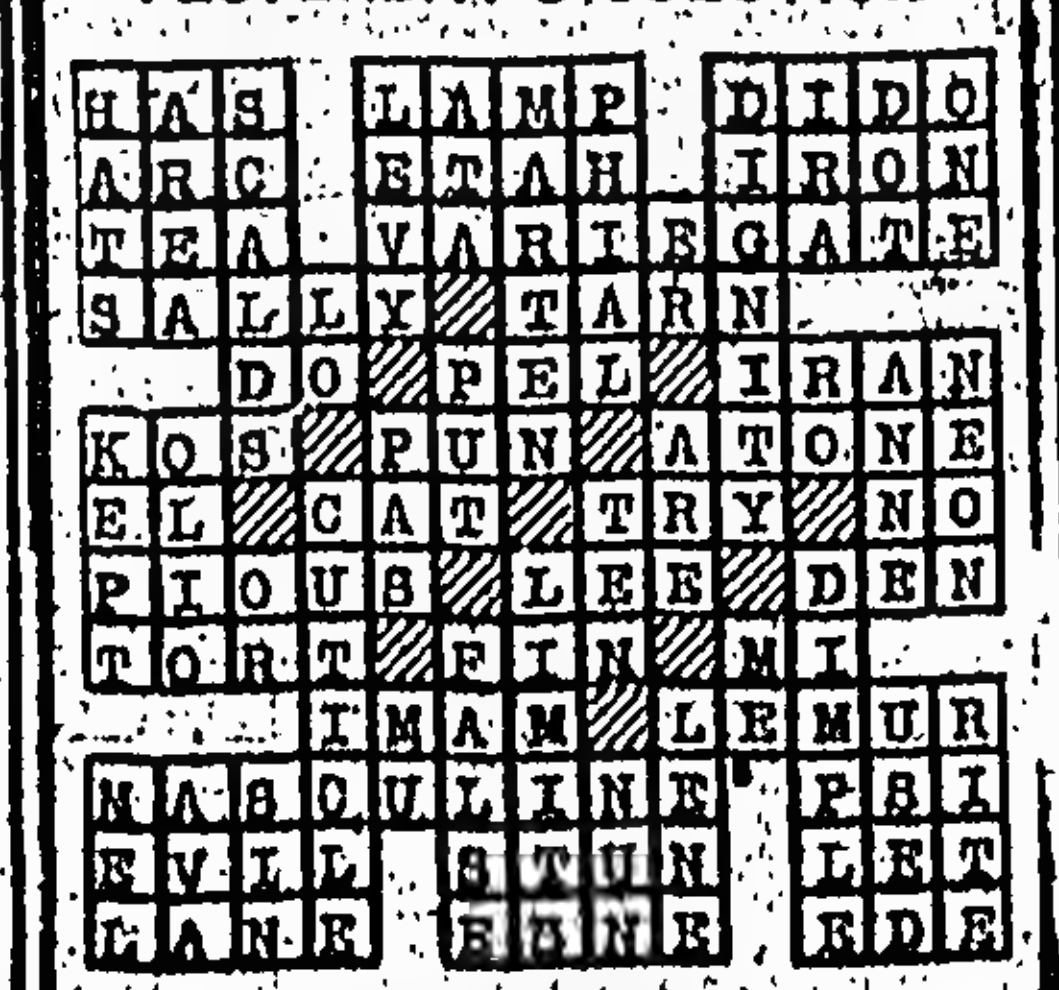
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- 6 Whether
- 7 101
- 8 Sick
- 9 Language of Savage Islanders

10 Bulbous vegetable

- 11 Feeble-minded
- 13 In the lowest degree
- 19 River in Germany
- 19 Sticky substance
- 21 Conflict
- 22 To penetrate
- 25 Edible drupe
- 27 To step
- 30 Tropical fruits
- 32 Workers' union
- 34 Tree-snake
- 36 To exult
- 37 To fix the position of
- 38 Roster
- 40 Click-beetle
- 41 Citrus fruit
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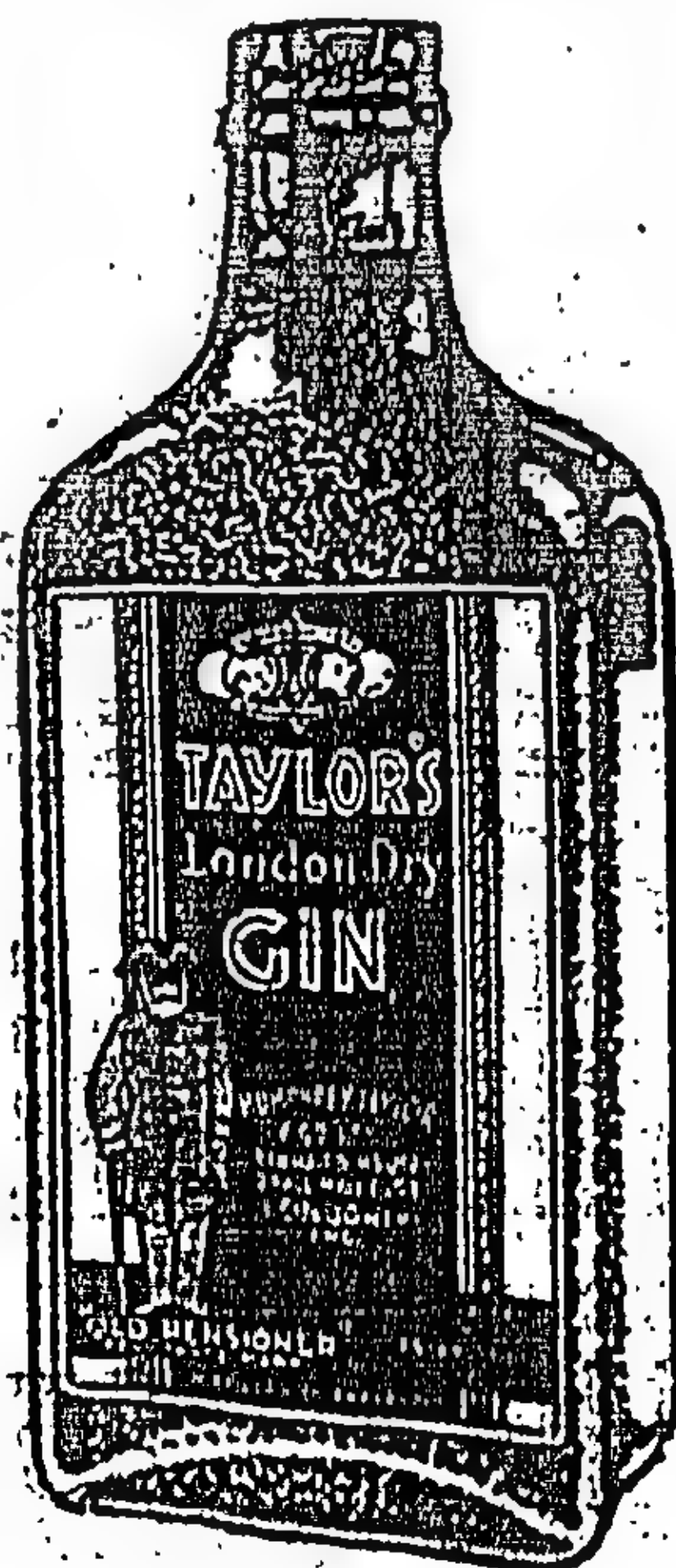
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OF IMPORTANCE as an event in itself and as indication of the inexhaustible resources of the British Commonwealth the conference which opens in New Delhi on Friday excites great interest.

Charged with the duty of ensuring the best possible use of resources and existing potential for purposes of war of all lands under the British flag in the Eastern Hemisphere, the Dominions of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa join hands with Asia.

Not only is two-thirds of the total area of the British Empire represented but Palestine, as a mandated territory, is included in this gathering which has a recorded population 365 million in Asia alone.

The great subcontinent of India, which before the war ranked tenth of the main industrial countries of the world, is already making vast contributions to the war effort. For some time not only has India been meeting all steel requirements of the Middle East, Uganda and Iraq but is also supplying a considerable quantity to the U.K.

Main Object

With this as what might be described as the core of the supply organisation one main object of the conference is to arrange, equip and supply the Allied forces in the Middle East from "east of Suez".

The deliberations of the conference will be greatly assisted by the presence of a mission from the Ministry of Supply under Sir Alexander Roger.—British Wireless.

WEALTHY CHINESE KIDNAPPED

A wealthy Chinese was carried away in Shanghai when four men, armed with Mauser pistols, stopped his car in Avenue Road, a few steps from Hart Road, and took him away in a Johnson Hire Garage taxi.

The crime took place at about 10.55 a.m. when Mr. Yao Vee-yu, manager of Woo Shing Tobacco Company, was travelling in his private car along Avenue Road. Near the corner of Hart Road, the car was stopped by the men, three of whom jumped out of the taxi and pushed the victim in, driving away in a westerly direction.

The four men hired the taxi at the Johnson's Kiaochow Road garage and instructed the chauffeur to drive to Avenue Road. Near the corner of Hart Road they stopped and awaited their victim, who was proceeding to the company's sales office in Newchwang Road. The chauffeur of the taxi was then pushed out and the car was driven away by one of the kidnappers.

The taxi driver reported the case to Bubbling Well police station where detectives started investigating immediately. It was believed that the criminals were well acquainted with the victim's movements since they knew the streets he used in going to his office. No political motive is being attached to the crime and it is thought that ransom is the only reason for the kidnapping.

BRITISH LEGION AND C.O.'S

Wood Green branch of the British Legion has passed a resolution of protest which it is sending to the Government against employment of conscientious objectors in Government Departments.

The resolution states that the branch "views with disgust the special treatment meted out to conscientious objectors in Government Departments" and asks for their immediate removal.

BRITAIN IMPRESSES AMERICA

Lord Lothian last night met British press representatives for the first time since his return to Britain and in the course of a statement to them said that the fortitude of the British people during bombing had made an indelible impression on the American people.

Three things have particularly impressed them:—the success of the R.A.F., the spectacle of Britain alone in Europe defying and stopping the march of that monster, and the picture of the British, and especially of Londoners, cheerfully determined not to give in.

America realised the importance to her own security of the British fleet.—British Wireless.

ALL READY FOR FORCED LANDINGS

Scores of emergency landing fields are to be seen along the Channel coast of France and Belgium, according to a neutral correspondent with the German Air Force, who made a four-days trip, by car and plane, conducted by the German High Command.

There were few signs of any expeditionary force, which the Germans might be planning to launch against England. On three occasions, pieces of the biggest artillery were seen, but the only troop trains were going eastwards.

CHEUNGSHAWAN SHOOTING

While pursuing three armed men in Cheungshawan at 5 a.m. this morning, a Chinese was shot at and wounded. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. Two of the men were arrested.

ESCAPING GERMAN OFFICER GOT 35 MILES FROM LIBERTY

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER Lorentz Guenther, German submarine officer, has been taken back to the internment camp in Ontario, from which he escaped recently.

The escaped officer was previously believed to be Lieutenant Werner Koche, of the German navy.

The mistake arose because, after Guenther's escape, Koche answered his name at the camp roll-call to confuse the authorities and kept silent when his own name was called. Guenther walked and hitchhiked 400 miles from Ontario before he was recaptured by veteran

CATHOLIC SISTERS' ESCAPE

Eighteen French sisters, serving in a Catholic hospital in Chengtu, the largest French institution in Chengtu, narrowly escaped death by assembling in a small church in the centre of the hospital when Japanese air bombs blasted both wings of the building. The sisters emerged later with Chinese nurses to aid in relief work after the Nippon air raiders roared away.—Associated Press.

MIDDLE TEMPLE WRECKED

Amongst buildings damaged by German bombs in the nightly search by Nazi pilots for "military targets" is the Hall of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

This ancient hall opened by Queen Elizabeth in 1576, is known by many throughout the Empire who have "eaten dinners" in it on their journey towards the Cal to the Bar of England.

A heavy calibre bomb fell into the hall and a wall was blown out and falling debris damaged the wonderful screen which is a feature of the building. The valuable stained glass windows had been removed before the war.

Four hospitals, one a maternity institution were damaged in one recent raid.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE SHIP AGROUND

The Karachi Maru (5,860 tons) of the Yamamoto Steamship Co. ran aground early this morning, 200 metres off Esudori beach, of western Seiore, in south Sagha len.

No damage was done to the vessel and the passengers are safe it is reported.—Reuter.

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'DIVERSION' IN EGYPT

While Hitler moves gingerly in the Balkans, with his wariest eye on Russia, the Graziani forces show no sign of taking up the Egyptian invasion where it was left off more than a month ago.

It must, however, be regarded as a step which cannot long be delayed. The Suez Canal and the British naval base at Alexandria are the obvious objectives. Pro-British Turkey and Greece—the latter already an object of Il Duce's attentions—would be at Axis mercy should the British lose their grip in the Eastern Mediterranean. The attempted counter-blockade of Britain would be strengthened so that if the weather interfered with German aerial activity the odds through the winter would not be all in favour of Britain.

These factors, however, do not prevent the British government and military advisers from looking upon the Italian moves primarily as a diversion. General Wavell, in Cairo, seems to feel he can afford to risk some penetration by Italy in Egypt.

This attitude may be explained by the fact that Britain already has augmented her forces in Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean. When the real test comes: the Italians may find themselves fighting not only Britain but the Egyptians, and having at the same time to keep intact long supply lines over deserts. It is not yet clear that the Egyptians will fight. But they have said they will if Egypt is attacked. The prayers for peace outlined by King Fuad, moreover, constitute an appeal not only to Allah but to the entire Mohammedan race to whom the race theories of Nazism and Fascism are a menace.

Another reason why Britain does not permit herself to become excited over the Italian move in Egypt is that Italian fortunes, like those of the Nazis, cannot be won in Africa. They depend on the Battle of Britain. As the future of France, of Holland, Denmark, Norway, and indeed that of western civilisation, is contingent on the fight raging over the British Isles, so the future of Africa and Italy's place there now rests with the embattled population of a beleaguered island.



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The Conflict's Deeper Issues

THE longer the war lasts, the clearer become the issues at stake in it. Gradually the clouds vanish, and the mountain tops stand forth, terrible but majestic. Certainly there have been plenty of clouds. From 1918 to 1939 our mistakes were legion—only they never betrayed the world cause for which we are now fighting. Our treatment of Germany, at Versailles and after, was a foredoomed attempt at compromise between those (and they were mainly Frenchmen) who wished to handle her so severely that she could never threaten the peace of Europe again, and those (and they were mainly British) who wished to treat her so generously that she would soon become a friendly partner in a new Commonwealth of Nations.

It was this fundamental contradiction, together with the unexpected withdrawal of the United States, whose President had conceived and framed it, and its own failure to devise a formula for peaceful change, which ultimately wrecked the League of Nations. But to the last the British clung to their traditional and perhaps over-idealistic ideal of live and let live. Thus the meaning of the Munich Settlement in 1938, after which many critics in the United States derided us for our isolationism in declining to go to war to save a democracy with which we had no treaties of alliance and whose very name many British citizens had only recently become familiar, was that Mr. Neville Chamberlain still hoped for a future in which a strong Britain and a strong Germany could co-exist. Germany, it was assumed, having formally renounced further territorial demands in Europe, would pursue her remaining objectives peacefully. What finally forced all those who still clung to these hopes to abandon them was the renewed violence and treachery with which Germany seized the remnant of Czechoslovakia. A few years earlier there had been an influential body of opinion in Britain in favour of trying to meet German colonial claims. This Adolf Hitler had now effectually obliterated. How could one return backward to the control of the regime of the Gestapo and concentration camps?

What is at stake, however, in this war is not the British Empire. Or, rather, it is much more than the British Empire. Nine months ago there were plenty of voices to be heard in the United States, and elsewhere, proclaiming that this was only an old-fashioned struggle between two greedy imperialisms, a war in which neither the stakes nor the result concerned anyone but the participants. That view, which even then sounded strangely on this side of the Atlantic, was partly accounted for by the fact that during the last decade of the

Twenty-Two Years Armistice one of the principal invisible exports to the United States had been British lectures, who made it their business to decry and, indeed, to misrepresent, the British Commonwealth. These were mostly quite unrepresentative malcontents, many of them of alien origin, men whose forebears had played no part in the building of the Commonwealth.

Nevertheless, their self-imposed task was made easier by the good-natured ignorance which still persisted in the United States as to the very nature of the free

By
Lord Elton

association of nations within the British Commonwealth, in which every Dominion is as independent as the United States, and as free as Eire to decline to take part in the war, the whole composing the first successful experiment in international organisation on a world scale.

But partly also this tendency to see the struggle as a mere death-grapple of imperialisms is to be accounted for by the familiar instinct of the spectator to rationalise his natural reluctance to share other people's troubles.

In the same way, while we were deciding not to fight Germany over Czechoslovakia, we told ourselves that Czechoslovakians had always maltreated their German minority, and that anyway the whole country was an artificial product of the Treaty of Versailles.

With the spread of the law of the Gestapo across Western Europe, and the closing down of one free wireless station after another, the issue stands out starker. Stripped to the bones, that issue is: Shall Christian civilisation survive? And by that I mean not only the civilisation of Western Europe and the British Dominions but the civilisation of the United States, which grew up upon similar foundations during that century of peace when the British Navy enjoyed unchallenged supremacy, and which will be destroyed if that navy should disappear.

This civilisation is undoubtedly much else besides Christian. The Nazis are right in calling it a plutocracy. In varying degrees the civilisation of all the threatened countries is stamped

with the faults of democracy, which are many, and the faults of plutocracy, which are more. In the fullest sense no one of them can claim to be considered Christian at all. In spite of which they still represent those limits which centuries of Christian civilisation had imposed upon the primitive instincts of violence, now revived by the drive for power of the totalitarian states.

It was Christianity, after all, which first taught mankind the equal and eternal value of every human being, which infinitely transcends all the power and glory of the world. And it is ultimately upon that foundation that the Rule of Law has been established, the principle that is no longer recognised outside the democracies to-day, that men and women are men and women and not mechanical slaves of the State, and that no citizen shall be imprisoned or punished without trial by the mere wish of a tyrant; the principle that, provided he observes the law, he cannot be haled away by any OGPU or Gestapo to an unknown fate—and consequently that, in the words of the old English boast, his "home is his castle," sheltered in which the upbringing of his children is still the concern of their parents even more than of the State.

There are other characteristics, of course, of life in a society which has not abjured its original Christian principles—kindness to the weak, for example, is not ridiculed as decadence, nor the interest of the State held to be the only moral standard—but all, perhaps, are involved in that one fundamental distinction, the recognition of the ultimate and diverse significance of every human personality.

It is the tragedy of to-day that all these principles are still believed in, as President Roosevelt said in another connection, by 90 per cent of humanity. And yet the Gestapo continues to extend its sway. It is the tragedy of to-day that, despite all they shared in common, and now see overshadowed by the same menace, both Britain and America lacked statesmen with the vision to guide their peoples toward a world Commonwealth, a unity based upon common language, interest, and tradition, and strong enough to maintain the peace of the world against any challenge, whether from West or East. It is the tragedy of to-day that democracy, after democracy has hoped to shelter behind the sacrifices of the latest victim of totalitarian aggression, so that the leaders

of each have told their peoples "the storm will blow itself out before it reaches us," and that it has even been the democracies which have armed their would-be murderers, the French Comité des Forges, providing Germany and Italy with their coal, and the United States providing Japan with its oil.

All the remaining legacies of Christian civilisation, it must be admitted, have, in varying degrees, abjured their old principles. Thus in Britain we are entitled, I think, to claim that the nation still lives by Christian standards. It is improbable, for example, that British sailors or airmen, even if ordered to do so, would machine-gun women and children in a lifeboat. It would not occur to them that such conduct would be inconsistent with the teaching of the New Testament; they would probably merely say that it would be "a dirty trick." The fact remains that the standards are still there. What is more doubtful is how far the original Christian belief from which these standards once sprang still fully survives.

What an old theologian would have called "works" are there. Whether, after an impartial examination of, let us say, our educational system, we can claim that what he would have called "faith" is still fully alive is another matter. And will the moral standards, which are the legacy of Christian teaching, survive if the Christian faith itself is in decay? Can virtuous agnosticism be more than an intermediate phase?

Already in the democracies a determined onslaught has been made by a small but vocal minority of the intelligentsia, not so much against Christian dogma as against Christian morality. Some of the most conspicuous British exponents of this new paganism, young men of military age, are now in the United States for the duration.

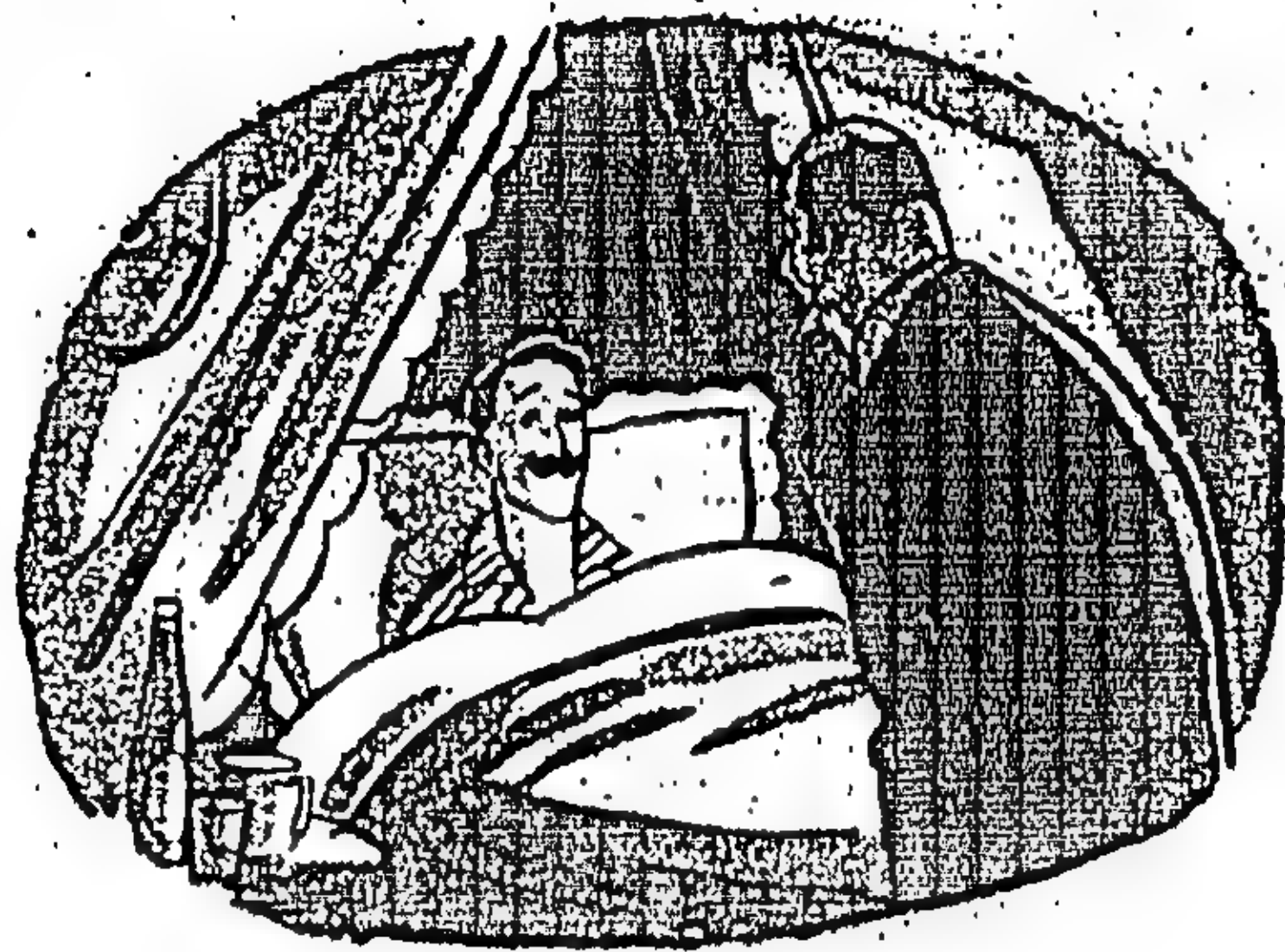
In Britain, however, we are now being offered a supreme opportunity—supreme both in the sense that it is the last and in the sense that it is the greatest. We stand alone as the last bulwark of the Christian tradition which has been built with infinite patience by many different schools and peoples down the centuries; we stand unsupported by any other unconquered nation, save in so far as the right (theoretically shared by Germany) to purchase American goods in the open market may be counted as support. We face a Prussia which was late and imperfectly converted to the Christian faith, a Prussia from which the old gods were never completely exorcised, a Prussia, which for centuries has been built by war and for war as no State ever was before. The tremendous question is not only: can we conquer Prussia, but can we conquer ourselves? Can we achieve regeneration through suffering?

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SHANGHAI RICE SITUATION GETS SERIOUS

THE INFILTRATION into Shanghai of smuggled rice, which makes its way in small quantities and can hardly meet the big demand of the Chinese population in the foreign areas, according to an authoritative source, is one of the impediments to the lowering of rice prices.

The rice situation it was learned, is assuming serious proportions and according to competent observers, the problem will not be solved by importing foreign rice to feed the 3,500,000 Chinese population of the Settlement, most of whom can only afford to purchase the low priced domestic rice.

Efforts are being made by the authorities of the foreign areas to persuade the Japanese military to allow the flow into Shanghai of domestic rice, most of which is produced in territory under Japanese control. Should the military authorities concerned give their assent to the release of this rice, it is feared in responsible Chinese quarters that questions concerning supplies and distribution would require considerable time for consideration while the demand would become more pressing daily.

An official of the Price Investigation department of the Council stated that he had had several talks with a liaison officer of the Japanese military authorities, who have agreed to give the matter of importing domestic rice careful consideration.

The continuous smuggling of rice into Shanghai is one of the chief reasons for the price of imported rice maintaining a high level, according to one authoritative source, who declared that the smuggling is extremely difficult to combat.

Profit Fixed

The Shanghai Rice Price Fixing Committee has just decided at a

meeting on an important principle governing profit-making among rice merchants in Shanghai. It has been decided that the profit should be five per cent. only in all dealings in the Shanghai Rice Market, where cost prices of the various grades of the Saigon rice will be announced every three days. It is important to note, however, that the Committee is still unable to fix prices for native rice, despite the fact that it has been urged by both officials and the Chinese press to do so.

Its inability to fix prices for native grain is attributed to the difference in prices in various occupied producing-districts in the interior and also to the difficulties in transportation of the rice to Shanghai. The Committee's latest decision on profit-making conformed with the view recently expressed by the late Mayor Fu Siao-en who said that profit should be between five and ten per cent. depending on the quantity of rice bought. Informed quarters, however, express the opinion that it is hard to make all merchants carry out the decisions.

Cost Prices

It is recalled in this connection that the Committee did fix prices some time ago when the market was firm, but later the official quotations were not followed by certain merchants and as a result prices went up steadily, creating several records. Informed quarters also question the connotation of the words "cost prices" as mentioned in the Committee's decision.

It is pointed out that the cost prices of much of the Saigon rice now stored in Shanghai godowns might be much smaller than the official quotation to be announced, say, to-morrow, because the grain was bought long ago. It is argued that it is absurd to speak of deterioration in the case of Saigon rice which, unlike the native grain, can be stored for more than a year without doing harm to its quality. It is unanimously hoped in Chinese circles that once a decision is reached by the Committee, official quarters should see that it is strictly carried out. The Committee will announce quotations after consulting the authorities, whose opinion on the latest decision on profit-making will also be sought.

U.S. MUST MAKE HER DECISION NOW

"WE ARE TOO FAR IN IT TO ESCAPE," DECLARED THE MANAGING EDITOR OF THE "DALLAS MORNING NEWS," MR. HARRY C. WITHERS, BROADCASTING THE NEWS REVIEW OVER RADIO STATION WFAA.

"It is the imperative duty of the United States," he said "to decide at once between two courses: whether she will do whatever she can to help Great Britain to win this war, or whether she will run the risk of British defeat and then have to fight Hitler alone. 'If Britain wins this war, the United States will have no war with Germany. If Britain loses, then war between Hitler and the United States is inevitable. We are too far in it now to escape.'"

U.S. MOVE DOES NOT SURPRISE JAPAN

The Japanese public are no longer surprised at the latest move of President Roosevelt in despatching the liners ss. Mariposa and ss. Monterey to the Far East to evacuate U.S. citizens. It is considered that this is part of the President's general policy, and is designed to convince Japan that America means business, says the Tokyo correspondent of the "North China Daily News."

MANILA BRITONS JOIN UP

Two well-known members of the Manila British community, H. P. L. Jollye and Major A. Beckerleg, have been granted leaves of absence from their business connections in Manila in order to return to England for war service. They expect to sail together about Oct. 25.

Mr. Jollye, who has been the general manager of the Manila Electric Company for many years, is retiring after having been connected with the company for the past 29 years. He is a director of Marsman Investments Limited and several other mining concerns. Mr. Jollye served as a captain in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in world war I.

A group of friends headed by J. C. Rockwell, president of the Manila Electric Company, will give a despedida dinner at the Manila Hotel for Mr. Jollye.

Major Beckerleg, vice president of Marsman and Company, has been identified with the Philippine mining industry for the past six years. He brought British capital into the mining industry.

Major Beckerleg will go back to England to join his old regiment, the Royal Engineers. He served in the British army before and during the last war. He was in command of a regiment in the North Russia Expeditionary Force which included British, French and American units. He left the army about three years after the war and has been in business ever since.

SURPRISING REPORT FROM HANOI

French quarters said in Hanoi that arrangements have been made for special trains to transport the Japanese troops who fought their way across the northern border of this colony last Sept. 22, through Tonkin to Haiphong where they are expected to embark aboard transports and leave Indo-China.

It is estimated that these troops total 10,000. Their departure will leave in French territory between 6,000 and 7,000 Nippon soldiers and an unlimited number of warplanes as provided in the Franco-Japanese Hanoi agreement of Sept. 22. — Associated Press.

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PETTIFOGGERY IN WAR AID SHOULD END

AN APPEAL TO THE majority and minority leaders of both branches of Congress to quit "pettifoggery" in politics and to free the question of American aid to Britain, was made public by William Allen White, National Chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

Identical letters were addressed to Senators Albin W. Barkley and Charles L. McNary, and Representatives Sam Rayburn and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., in which Mr. White characterised American military action against the totalitarian powers as "inevitable" if Great Britain falls.

He voiced the thought of his committee that "the people of the United States will deeply and effectively resent pettifoggery of any party or party leadership which may be responsible for the fall of Britain—not for the sake of the British, but because of the tragic immediate danger to our own Country."

"Nothing would give greater satisfaction to the American people than to wake up to-morrow morning and know that whatever American aeroplanes and bombers we can spare were en route to take part in American defence on the British sector of the totalitarian war that menaces the freedom of all mankind," Mr. White said.

The American people, regardless of party, endorsed President Roosevelt's recent destroyer trade with Britain, Mr. White recalled, adding 58 prominent Americans of both parties had subsequently signed a statement expressing "unqualified" support for the President's action. His committee has "evidence" justifying the belief that similar backing will be given the President by citizens of all parties in extending "every possible safe, legal material aid" to Britain, he said.

"By 'safe' aid we mean war material which the President's official naval and military advisors say we can spare," Mr. White wrote. "By 'legal' we mean again whatever such material the President's official legal counsellors may decide may be legally sold to Great Britain or properly transferred."

Britain Last Defence

Mr. White declared that "inevitable conflict" will result between the United States and the dictator nations if Britain falls, leaving the United States alone to face the combined and vastly superior shipbuilding and aeroplane manufacturing capacities of the totalitarian powers and making preparedness "almost impossible."

"In this crisis our committee feels that America can and must move," he continued. "The air attacks on London are causing terrible damage and suffering. There is still reason to believe that the bombing of England may be followed momentarily by a land invasion. Instinctively the American people know that if the German invasion succeeds, the last bulwark of democracy in Europe is swept aside as well as the first line of defence for the United States."

"Our committee with its 684 branch organisations throughout the country is in a position to sense public sentiment. We have evidential reasons to declare that a majority of the people of the United States favour extensive purchase by Great Britain, or through trade like the destroyer deal, of all possible material aid. This may be the last chance here and now to-day for the American people to avoid war to-morrow. We urge that the political leaders of America publicly call for the strongest possible aid to Britain in the furtherance of American defence."

Poster Prizes

Mr. White's committee is inviting competitive poster designs from American artists in all parts of the Nation. Cash prizes will be awarded for the 11 best designs depicting the need for sending all possible material aid to Great Britain and her Allies as a national defence measure. It was announced by Mrs. Rushmore Patterson, Chairman of the Women's National Advisory Committee.

HOSPITALS MAY COMBINE

Amalgamation of all hospitals, public and voluntary, is one of several big changes now under discussion between representatives of the medical profession and the Government.

"Such a proposal would meet with my complete approval," said Dr. Somerville Hastings, who is a member of the committee advising the Government. "I have certainly recommended it."

"It is absurd in time of war to have two hospital systems. All hospitals worth running should be taken over by the Government."

"The Government has already taken a step in this direction by removing the dividing line between Service hospitals and civilian hospitals."

"Military, naval, and civilian casualties are now treated in the same hospital. This is a very sensible course of action."

Doctors recruited last September to the Emergency Medical Service on a year's contract have not had their contract renewed. They have been instructed, however, to carry on until changes, now under consideration, become effective.

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"FINISHED WITH MEN"

"I have finished with men, he was married," said Eileen Davidson, aged 17, of Lime Tree Grove, Doncaster, shortly before she was found gassed at her employer's house.

The Doncaster Coroner returned a verdict of "Suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed." A doctor said there was no sign of pregnancy.

Following preliminary judging of entries in each of nine zones, final judging will take place in New York about Nov. 15, Mrs. Patterson said.

BULLITT POPULAR IN VICHY

Vichy is instructing its Ambassador to the United States, M. Henri Haye, to urge the return of Mr. W. C. Bullitt as U.S. Ambassador to France, reported Messrs. Pearson and Allen in their syndicated column in the New York "Mirror."

The reason is that French realise that they can not be enemies with Great Britain and friends with the United States at the same time, and they are desirous of healing the diplomatic breach with the United States as they wish for American supplies of food for France, and with Mr. Bullitt in Vichy they could present their point of view.

Furthermore, the columnists reported, the French in Vichy might also want to resume diplomatic relations with Great Britain who, they added, are willing to negotiate at any time the French take the initiative, and Mr. Bullitt might serve as the intermediary to that end.

The new French Ambassador in Washington, M. Haye, is a great personal friend of Mr. Bullitt.

FIRES MAY BE SIGNALS TO NAZIS

Mysterious fires in the London areas, some of which have coincided with Nazi attacks, are being investigated by the London Fire Brigade.

The possibility that "Fifth Columnists" are signalling to German planes has not been overlooked.

There were two blazes in a London suburb. Subsequently, it was reported that raiders were turned back while attacking this particular district.

In every case the fires have proved to be heaps of burning rubbish.

They have occurred day by day. In one 24 hours during which Nazi machines were active over South-Eastern England, no fewer than eight calls were received.

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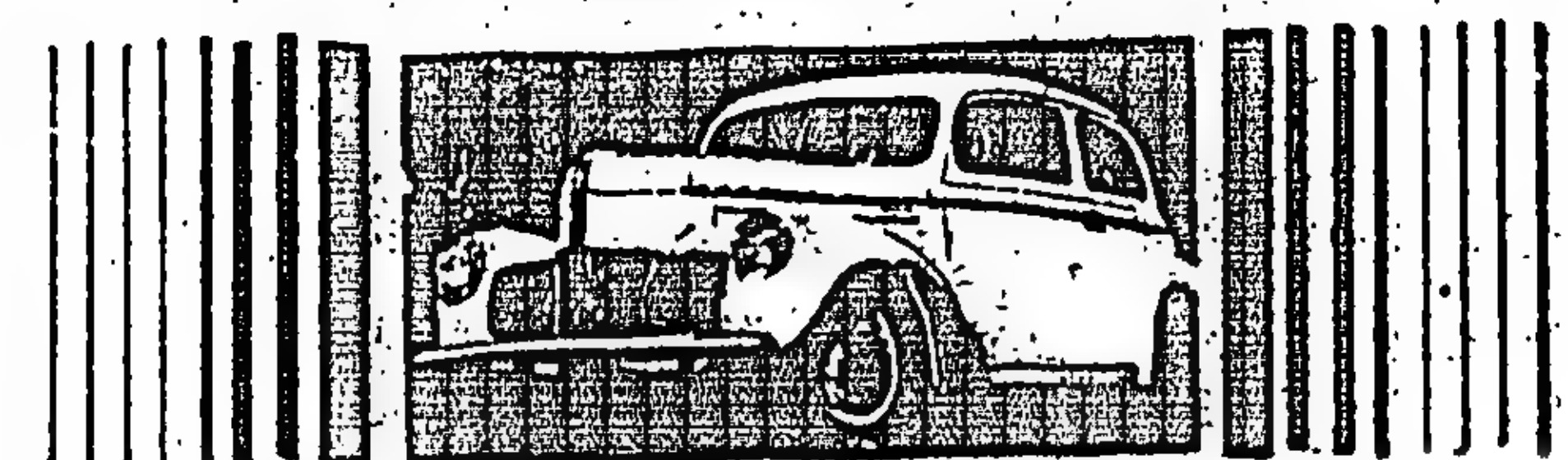
GRAZIANI ON THE MOVE?

Italian quarters reported in Rome that a new Fascist offensive against British forces in Egypt is expected to be launched shortly. —Associated Press.

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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong 21st. October, 1940.

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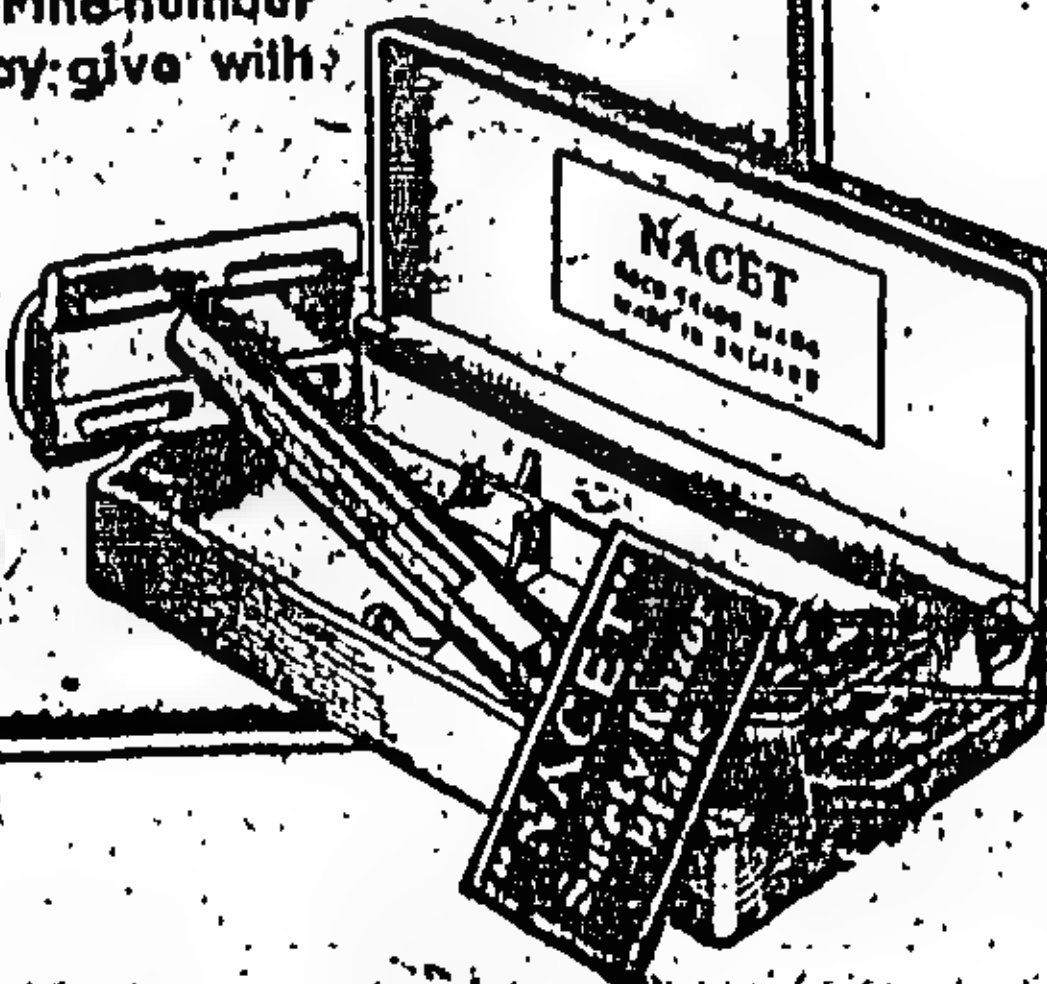
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(By The Four Aces)

BRIDGE SWINDLES NO. 10

Most Bridge swindles are missed simply because the average player doesn't think of looking for them. But we think that most players would miss the swindle in to-day's hand even if told who has to make the play and when it must be made.

North, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ A K 6

♥ K Q J

♦ A 9 5

♣ A Q J 6

♠ 7 3

♥ 9 8 7

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ 10 8 7 4

♠ Q J 10 8 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ 9 2

The bidding:

North East South West

2NT Pass 3♠ Pass

4♥ Pass 5♠ Pass

West opened the nine of hearts, and East won with the Ace. At this point East must execute the swindle. Can you see it before reading one?

Before we give you the play, let's do a little analysing. East can see that the defence is limited to one heart, one club, and no-trump

trick. The contract will be defeated, therefore, only if two diamonds can be taken from South. Furthermore, a diamond must be led at once to prevent South from getting discards on dummy's clubs.

But East must not lead the King or Queen of diamonds—he must lead the diamond deuce! And here is the reason. No diamond will succeed if South has both the Jack and ten of diamonds. No diamond will lose if West has the Jack of diamonds. But it is fatal to lead the King of diamonds if South has the Jack and West the ten of the suit. For to lead the King of diamonds allows South to win in the dummy and use the Jack to win the third round of the suit.

But note what happens when East leads the diamond deuce. South naturally expects to find either the King or Queen in the West hand, and therefore plays a low diamond instead of putting up his Jack. West's ten then forces out dummy's Ace, and East cashes his King and Queen of diamonds whenever he gets in with the club King.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstones partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 5 3

♥ 8 4

♦ K 6 4

♣ Q 7 4 3

The bidding:

Maier Burnstone Schenker You

1♥ Db! Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. The hand is not quite strong enough for a jump response of two spades.

Score 100% for one spade, 20% for two spades.

QUESTION NO. 545

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 3

♥ 8 4

♦ K J 4

♣ Q J 4 3

The bidding:

Maier Jacoby Burnstone You

1♥ Db! Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)



The gay young blade says the one thing he's sure he will escape is social bankruptcy.

DREAM BRINGS A FIVER

Three-year-old Irene Allan of Kingsmills, Elgin, whose father was killed in France, has received a gift of £5, all because of a man's dream in Oregon, U.S.A.

The man, formerly of Elgin, dreamt of a little girl in his native town who had lost her father in the war, and so vivid was the dream that he wrote to Lord Provost Mackenzie of Elgin, enclosing £5 to be given to any little girl who had lost her father.

"We communicated with the military authorities, and sought the aid of the British Legion," said Lord Provost Mackenzie, "and we discovered that four Elgin men died in France."

"Then we narrowed down the search, and found that one man, Private William Allan, a former vanman in the employment of the S.C.W.S., had left a little girl of three years of age. It was she who has received the money."

CROYDON RAID DEAD BURIED

Unidentified victims of the Croydon air raid were buried at Croydon, the service being conducted by the Bishop of Croydon, the Right Rev. W. L. Anderson.

The Mayor of Croydon, Alderman A. H. Harding, with members of the Corporation, was present, and A.R.P. officers who filed past the grave after the service and saluted the dead.

VOLUNTEERS LEAVE SHANGHAI

The number of volunteers to leave Shanghai to join His Majesty's fighting forces continued to increase as another batch of six Britons left the city recently. Some forty persons, relatives and friends, gathered at the jetty on the French Bund to see the men off. The volunteers were S. J. Wyatt, E. A. Cooke, A. G. Clarke, G. Skidelsky, W. C. Yates and W. A. Welch.

This is the fourth contingent of Britons to leave the city in the past two months and another batch is expected to depart some time during the next week. Among those who were at the jetty to wish the volunteers good luck, were Assistant Commissioners E. C. Baker and A. H. Samson of the Shanghai Municipal Police, and Lieutenants C. E. Ollerdesen and E. Powell of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The departure of the six recruits had a funny side, too, as some friends of a volunteer brought him a bottle of whisky. Unfortunately, the friends came too late and the steamer was already pulling out. Undaunted, they tried to throw the bottle to one of the stewards on the boat, but were stopped from doing so by a Russian watchman. The volunteer left without his whisky, while the men kept waving to him with the bottle.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"You've been watching the clock again—it's stopped!"

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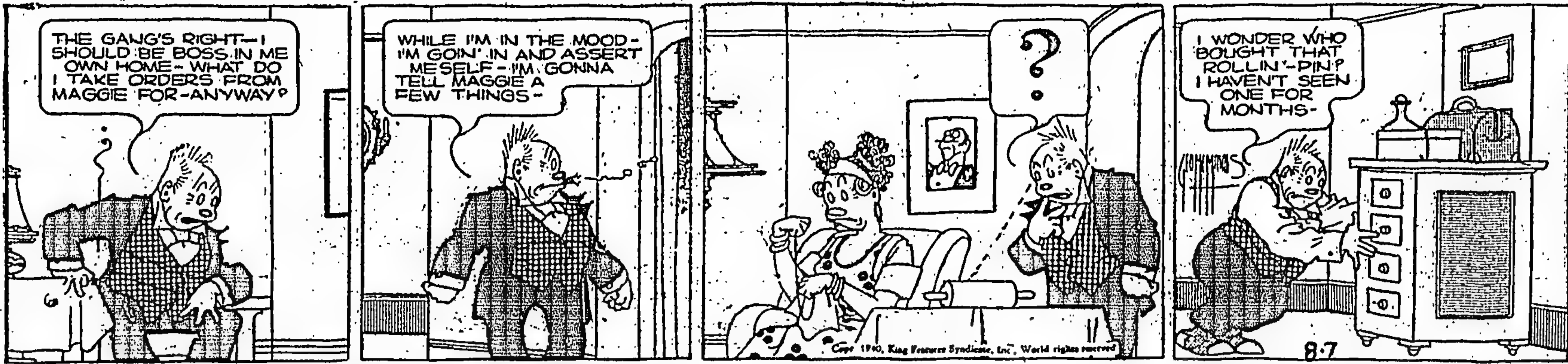
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Foot And Leg Beauty

Many older women are inclined to be sensitive about the shape of their legs and they attempt to cover them by too long dresses or to camouflage them by wearing gray or black stockings! When they do this they are acting like the ostrich who buries its head in the sand when it does not wish to be seen—for too long skirts and oddly coloured hose attracts attention to a woman's legs instead of making them less conspicuous!

A woman's legs shape with the growth of her body, so there is no need whatever to want to hide them. If your waistline thickens, your hips broaden and you put on weight as the years mount, it is quite natural that your legs will lose their youthful shape, but they shape in proportion to the rest of you. Don't do the obvious and wear skirts too long to be smart, in an attempt to conceal them.

No matter what your age you will find the tan hose more flattering to your legs and more appropriate for your clothes. Shades range from the lightest of beige for day and evening, down to rich ambers, and surely on that scale there is one shade which will meet your conservative approval. No matter how thick your ankles or how heavy your legs, the tan hose are definitely more flattering than gray or black or brown.

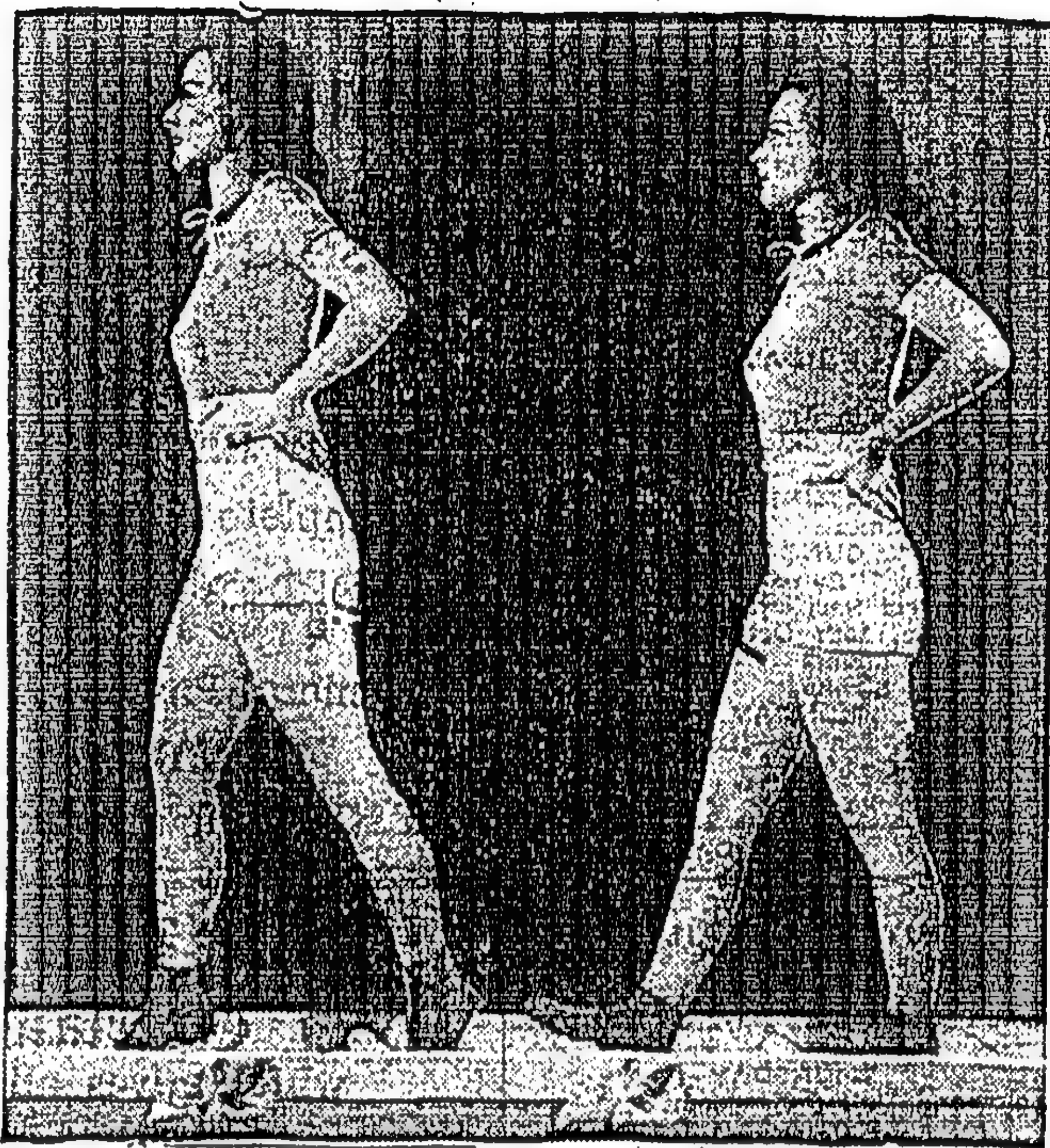
Be Current

And don't frown upon depilatories even though they were not in vogue when you were young. A cream depilatory is very simple to use and it removes hair from your legs leaving them smooth and looking inches slimmer. If you do not like to take the time for a depilatory, wash your legs thoroughly with soapsuds and shave the hair with a steady hand and a safety razor while they are still wet. Or have another do it for you. Many believe, however, that constant use of a prepared depilatory discourages the growth of hair. And some feel that shaving coarsens the hair. Neither belief can be proven.

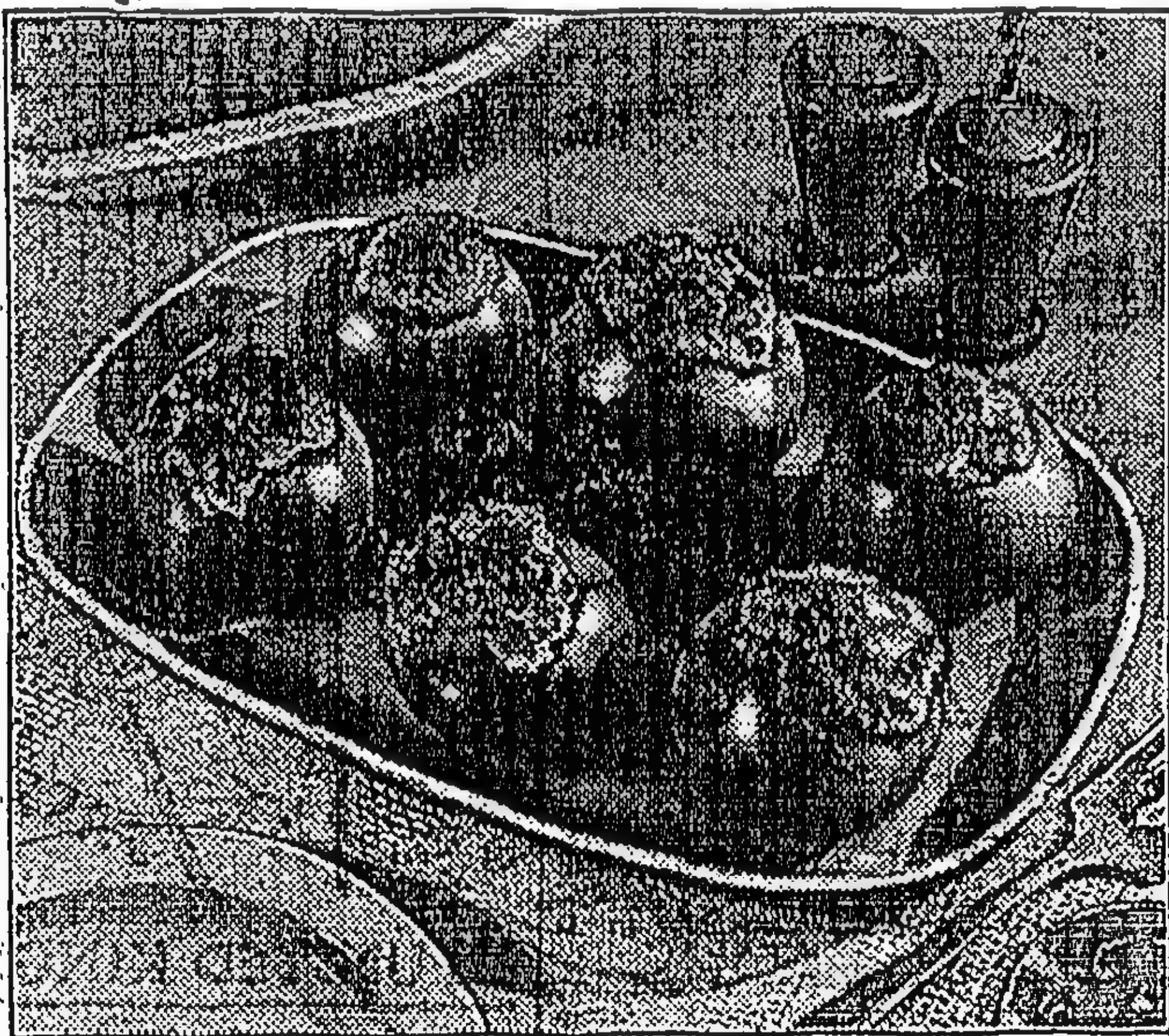
Your Shoes

As feet age they need more support and greater comfort so fancy shoes are not for older women. Cut out sandals are fine for beach wear, but they are not strong enough for walking. Your day-time shoes should be a nicely designed oxford, or a pump which is built up over the instep for comfort and support. The heel should definitely be medium or low—no woman looks well in high heels (unless she is unusually petite) if her walk has stiffened a bit and if her figure has grown heavier. In fact, most women, old or young have better posture and more graceful carriage when they wear a heel of sensible height and many are discovering this fact. Hence the popularity for "flaties" and lower heeled shoes.

Preserve the health of your feet around the house too—don't wear an old shoe which has lost its usefulness. And under no circumstances go about in bedroom slippers! Whenever you are walking or standing on your feet you need firm support from the shoes you are wearing. Poorly cared for feet cause fatigue and rob your face of beauty which should be there!



Practice this on a small step ladder. Rise on ball of left foot, throwing weight forward on right foot which you allow to slide over the rung. Take other steps in this manner. It strengthens your feet.



TOMATOES stuffed and baked whole

says Dorothy Greig

NO vegetable appears on the table in more variety than the tomato. As tomato soup starts dinner or lunch. As tall glasses of tomato juice bring us our vitamin C for breakfast, and serves as appetizer at other meals. Stewed, it comes to the table as a hot vegetable. Raw, we enjoy it in salads.

So there is nothing startlingly novel about the idea of stuffed, baked tomatoes. But the way I fix them they do taste so good! The rice stuffing is blended through and through with mushroom flavor. These tomatoes are delicious with meat loaf. Indeed, you can bake both at the same time in the oven. I like them, too, as a main dish for a light luncheon or supper.

The stuffing is made this way:

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 or 3 tablespoons buttered bread crumbs
- 6 or 8 whole tomatoes

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well. Then add the cooked rice and the contents from the tomatoes, chopped and then drained. Stuff the toma-

atoes with this mixture, cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake in a moderately hot (375°) oven for 25-35 minutes.

To prepare the tomatoes: Slice off stem end of tomato, scoop out the center, sprinkle with salt and pepper and let stand 30 minutes. Drain well before filling with the rice and mushroom mixture. Serves 6-8.

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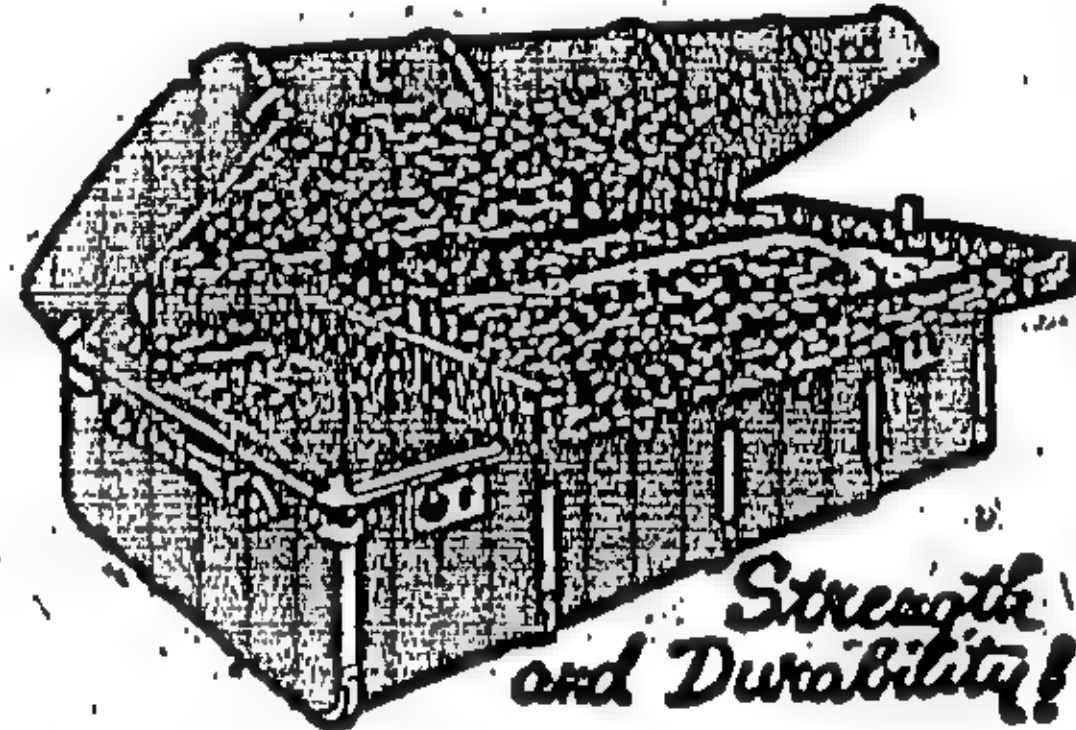
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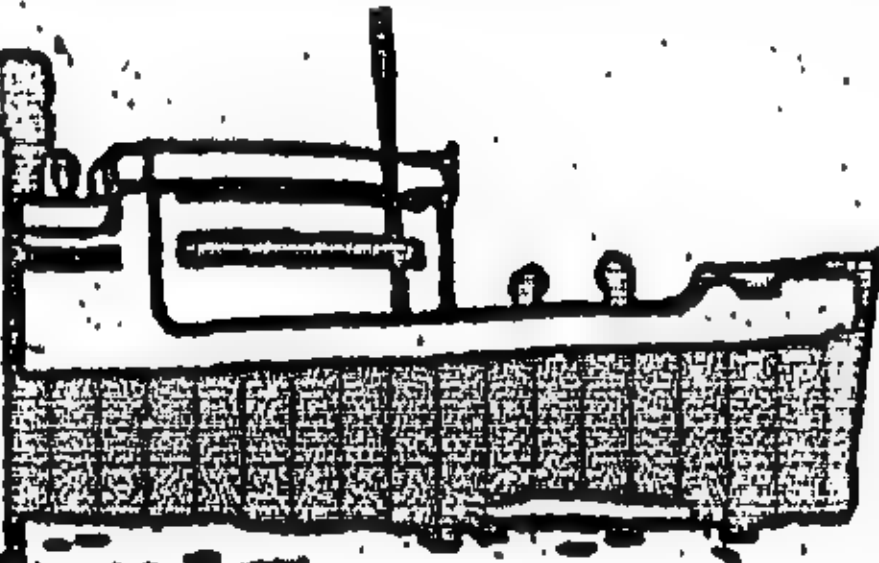
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Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic-Symphony Orch. of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Ambröse and His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Jack Payne and His Band.
6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Chopin.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the Paradise Islanders.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Great Authors" No. 6: Thackeray.

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

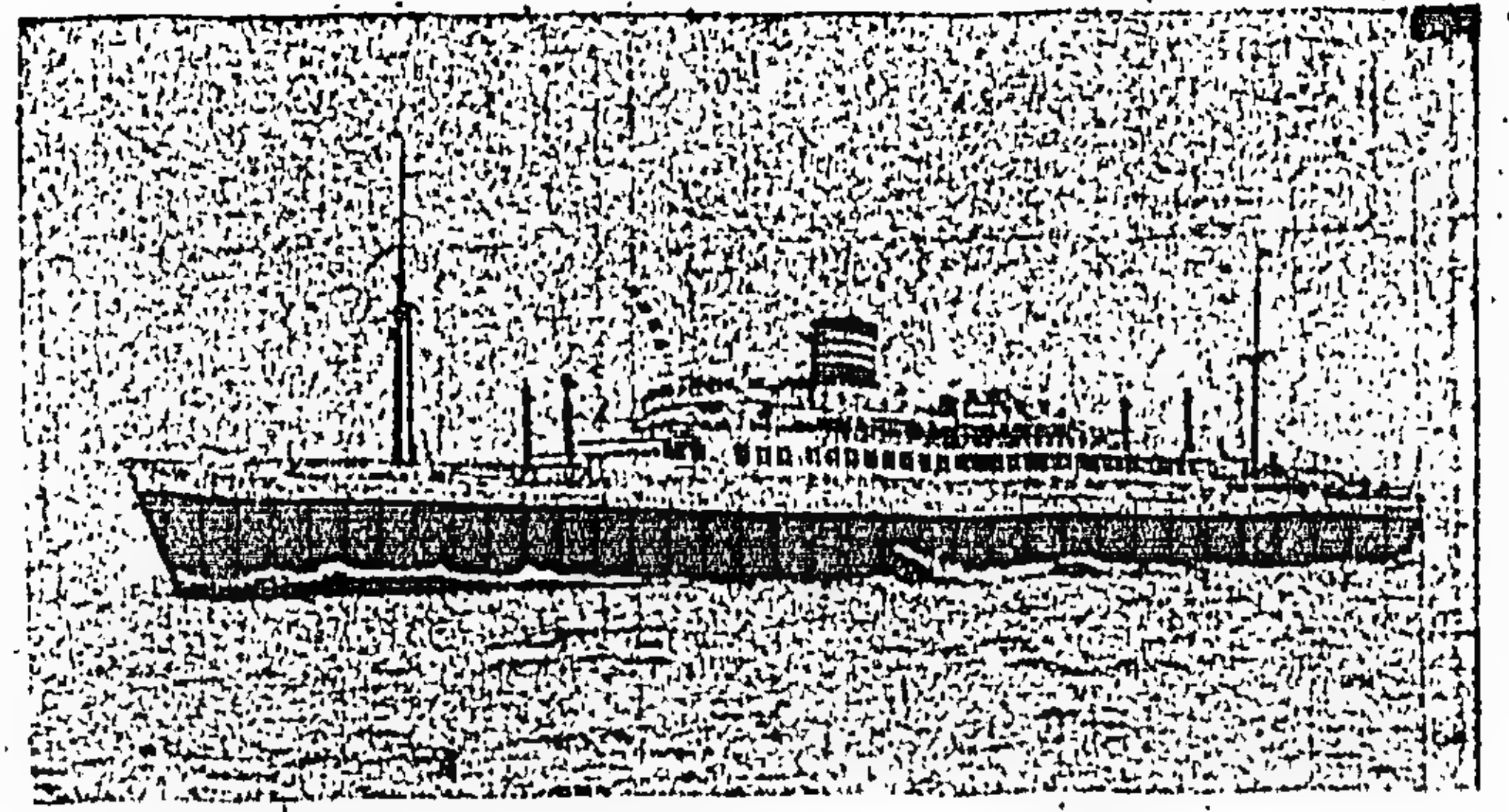
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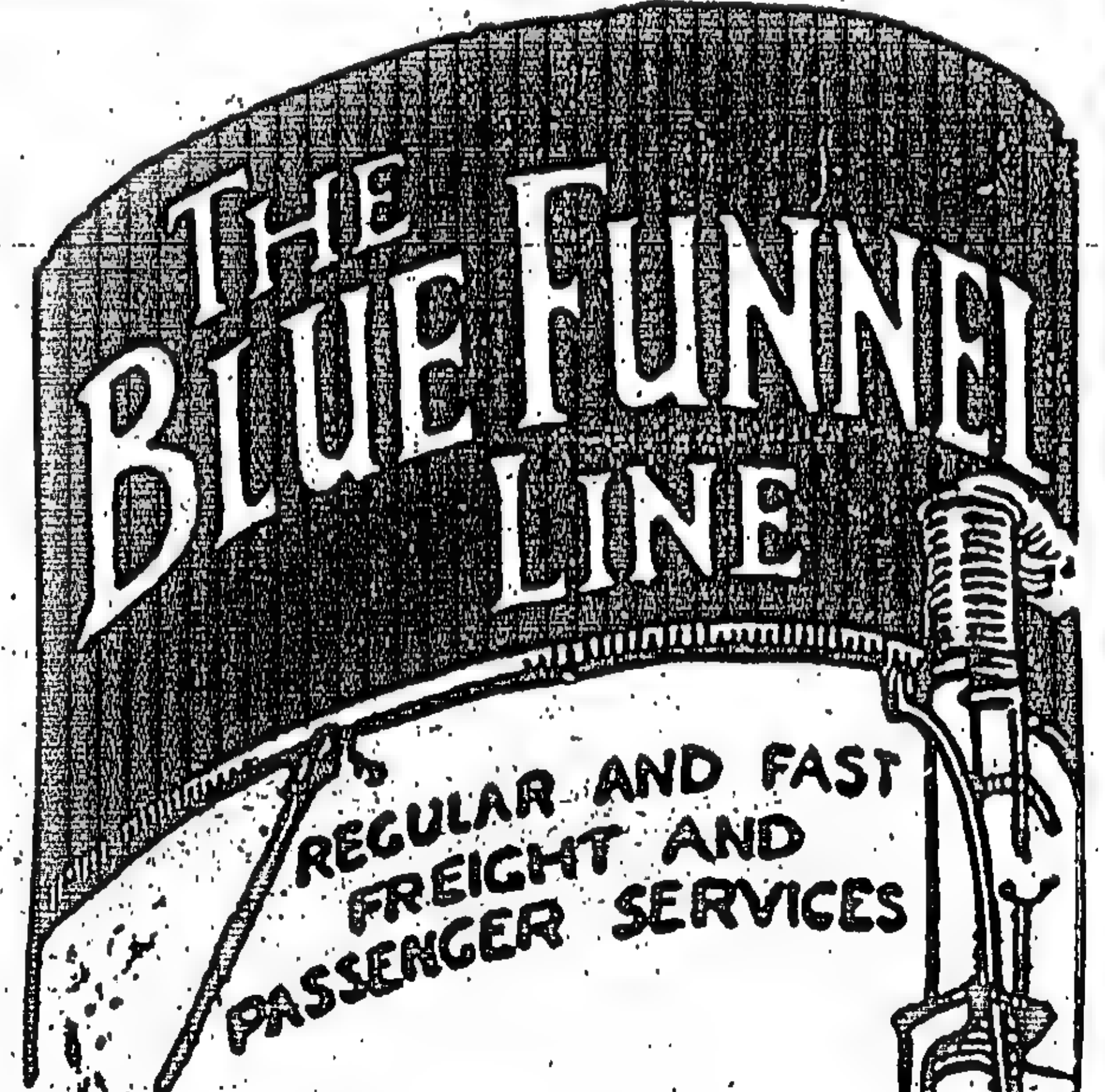
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Dr. L. du Garde Peach, British radio writer, who is closely identified with the Derbyshire Rural Community Council, has cooperated with teachers of the Derbyshire Education Committee in developing a method of using the drama in teaching. A substantial grant toward the expenses of this experiment, covering a period of 12 months, has been made by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

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A report of the scheme's progress, which appears in the official organ of the Derbyshire Rural Community Council, says:

"Every boy or girl is taught 'the rules of the game,' that is the simple fundamental rules of acting and good speech (principally good enunciation). The 'audience' is then in a position to help the players by constructive criticism to improve on their efforts. No boy or girl is allowed to criticise any point unless he or she has a suggestion for the correction of the fault.

"In this way a class learns a great deal about 'dramatic appreciation,' and it is most interesting to see how often a shy backward

STORMS LASH P.A.A. BASES

A series of exceptionally severe storms has been lashing the Pan American mid-Pacific bases at Wake and Midway Islands.

The "Honolulu Clipper," Hong Kong-bound, has been forced to remain in Honolulu and will not be arriving in Hong Kong until Monday, October 23.

Wake Island experienced a particularly severe storm and was out of touch with the world for forty-eight hours. However, assurances were then received that damage to buildings was slight.

Midway Island is now experiencing a storm of lesser intensity but which is causing heavy seas.

PREMIUMS OF STOCK INSURANCE

It was disclosed in the Commons yesterday that net premiums received up to October 19 under compulsory stock insurance amount to £41,404,502. — British Wireless.

THIRD GIFT

The Trinidad "Win the War" Association has sent a third instalment of £1,000 to the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund. — British Wireless.

child, suddenly realising that he can do something of which he was not conscious before, will offer to come out and 'show him how to do it'—and find to his great astonishment that an audience is not a terrifying thing at all.

"We maintain that this breaking down of 'audience-consciousness' in this simple way will convince the child that the larger audience which comprises the world is not really so fearsome," the report adds.

ECONOMIC PEACE AFTER WAR

The Minister of Economic Warfare, answering a question in Parliament yesterday whether he would consider approaching the Governments of the Dominions, U.S.A. and the South American Republics with a view to forming a price equalisation corporation to buy up surplus raw materials on world markets and to unload them gradually after the war, in order to prevent violent post-war slumps, said the Government in the United Kingdom was already in touch with the Governments of the Dominions and U.S.A. regarding the problem of surpluses both of raw materials and foodstuffs.

A further important mission headed by Lord Willingdon was shortly proceeding to discuss with the Governments of South American Republics various commercial questions of common concern.

On August 20 the Prime Minister stated the Government would do their best to encourage the building up of reserves of food all over the world for relief of the countries of Europe once these had been wholly cleared of German forces and had genuinely regained their freedom. — British Wireless.

DEATH OF MR. SZE-TO CHUNG

A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

He was Corps Superintendent Sze-to Chung, aged 52, who had been associated with the Corps for 17 years.

Mr. Sze-to, who is survived by his widow, father, two sons and several daughters, occupied the post of Assistant Secretary of the Hong Kong Club.

The funeral procession will leave Queen Mary Hospital at 4 p.m. to-day for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam.



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The Inland Revenue Department will be removed to Windsor House, 5th floor, on Saturday, the 26th October.

The Estate Duty and Stamp Offices will be closed for business on the 26th, and will re-open at the new address on Monday, the 28th October.

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MURDER IN SQUATTER CAMP

THE POLICE "INVADED" THE GOVERNMENT'S SQUATTERS' CAMP AT JARDINE'S LOOK-OUT IN TAI HANG LAST NIGHT AND REMAINED THERE FOR OVER THREE HOURS FOLLOWING A FATAL ATTACK ON ONE OF THE INMATES.

The man was discovered lying in a pool of blood outside one of the huts. He was suffering from several dagger wounds in the head, chest and abdomen, and died shortly after midnight in the Queen Mary Hospital.

The police questioned the other inmates and scoured the neighbouring hillsides in a vain attempt to trace the attacker.

GENEROUS DECISION

SIR,—The C. M. S. Hospital at Kunming—perhaps the best equipped in the district—was destroyed in an air-raid on Saturday. In view of the urgent need for setting up emergency units to deal with the casualties, the Medical Superintendent, and Committee of the Nethersole Hospital wish to relinquish the share due to them of the collection and gifts taken at the St. John's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, so that the whole amount may be sent to Kunming. I think those who gave on Hospital Sunday should know of this generous decision. Your Etc., A. P. ROSE.

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UNDER BRILLIANT sunshine, the Softball League had an auspicious opening when Major Manners, President of Kowloon Football Club, tossed the first ball in the Cardinals-Wildcats tilt. Lopsided scores featured most of the games, and all but one of the fixtures were played off. The arranged programme of 13 games was rather ambitious, with the result that most of the games had to be called after only five innings of play.

In contrast to the well-supervised games at Chatham Road, much dissatisfaction has been voiced by the Junior teams playing at Prince Edward Road, where there was no record, and especially in the South China-C.B.A. game, in which the score was entirely lost track off, and, had it not been for the great difference in the scores, a most unpleasant argument might have taken place; the umpiring also left much to be desired.

In the opener, the Wildcats trounced the Cardinals to the tune of 25 to 8 runs. Efigenia Babida working on the slab for the Cardinals was nicked for 17 blows, but even then the tide of Wildcat runs could have been stemmed but for poor support from the rest of the team, short-stop Fitzgerald committing no less than five bobbles. Irene Pereira, former Recreio Ramblerette, filling the left-field berth for the Wildcats, clouted the first homer of the season on Babida's first offering. Lily Mar and Gloria Mar also accounted for roundtrippers for the Wildcats, whilst Babida retaliated for the Cardinals. Marina Lavadia was good for a triple but was run down when attempting to stretch it into a four-bagger.

Wahoos Walk Away

In the second tussle, the Wahoos walked away with a 29-3 verdict over the Chung Hwa rookies, no less than 25 markers being made on 7 blows and 18 walks, which constitutes a new high for free passes in two innings of play. After the damage was done Frances "Zaza" Lee was yanked in favour of Ella Chinn, who held the Green Shirts down to only four runs in the next three innings.

Jeannette Yolle pitched her first League game and came out with a fair amount of success, limiting the Chung Hwa femmes to only four scratch singles, and passing only one.

Jackie Anderson in her first catching assignment only allowed one stolen base—which is something in the Ladies' League—and nabbed two would-be base pilferers.

The Panther Kittens over-ran



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the Florinhas by 31-3 in a four-inning game. Lily Xavier, pitching for the Pantherettes, limited the Little Flowers to only three runs, the first one being made when Lilian Forster drew a pass, stole second and third and romped home on a passed ball. Sequeira and Hilda Antonio crossed the plate in the fourth for two more markers.

At King's Park, the Canuckettes inflicted a severe 20 to 6 defeat on the much weakened Ramblerettes, Ulian Koo and Jean Lee both banging in a four-bagger apiece.

Canucks Massacred

In the first of the men's senior circuit, the Recreio Aces massacred the Canucks by 22 to 2, in what will probably be the season's greatest shelling in this loop.

For three innings hurler Herbie Quon, reputed wizard of the whiff, couldn't put them over—when they didn't hit the dirt, they threatened to go over the fence—and when they were good they had nothing but his fingerprints and a prayer on them—and Herbie forgot to pray!

After three hectic innings, the Canucks went into scull sessions, and decided to toss them over trusting to fielding, but in that they were disappointed for the Aces blasted Herbie's easy floaters all over the place, Bertie Gosano, Gerry Gosano and hurler Johnnie Alvares clouting in round-trippers. The Canucks were held scoreless for six innings, although they had a chance when Delgado singled but was nabbed at second. Johnny Delgado couldn't have pilfered a sack even if the ground-keeper had left it out overnight.

The Hong Kong Baseballers-S. Joseph clash at Chatham Road was the most interesting. The Saints opened up in the initial frame when their big guns barked six times to net them seven tallies, and added another four in the fifth on five blows. The Baseballers were retired in one, two, three order for the first three frames, and chalked up the first run in the fourth on "Ozo" Ozorio's fumble. In the fifth Jordan Morris doubled to score Johnson and Waller. In the Baseballers' last time at bat pitcher Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves passed one and was blasted all over the park when he tried to be too careful. Aided by two costly errors, the Baseballers connected three times to start a late rally which was short-lived. Kent flied out to end the game. Powlowski, baseball marvel, patrolled the right garden for the Saints and was good for two safeties in his two trips to the plate, whilst Henry "Showboat" Ali and "Ozo" Ozorio both averaged .750 in four trips. No less than 12 Baseballers flied out.

Explosive Moments

The game was not without its explosive moments when some scatter-brained diamond lawyers made Chief Umpire Nick Beltrao the target of abuse for his verdict in calling Ed Jones out for illegal batting.

The Cyclones had things their own way, in a 10-6 verdict over the Filipinos. Pinky (Drumsticks) Pineda tossed for the Cyclones, and scored in the first frame, after overcoming assorted obstacles of bats, gloves, players and scorers squatting along the third base-line. Bakar and Rum-

GRAPHIC GOLF



SNEAD HAS BEEN RUNNER-UP IN BOTH R.G.A. AND NATIONAL OPEN BUT TITLE ELUDES HIM.

SNEAD AGAIN COMES CLOSE

By BEST BALL

Once again Sam Snead's luck ran out before he could annex the 1940 P. G. A. Championship and so the tradition of being a hard luck player is carried on for another year. Back in 1938, Snead was having a banner year. It was his first year in big time golf and with no worry over his swing or the outcome of his matches, he won tournaments right and left, amassing some \$20,000 in prizes. Golf fans everywhere predicted both the National Open and P. G. A. titles for the smooth swinging Virginian but the titles never materialised.

Sam has come close, near enough to blow four chances at these titles away at the last moment. Perhaps the biggest factor he will have to contend with in the future now is the mental hazard these defeats bring on. For Snead has one of the sweetest swings from tee to green in golf and if he can get the right mental slant for these events next year, he will be the biggest worry the rest of the pros will have to contend with.

NEXT ARTICLE:—
How Stance Varies

jahn copped batting honours by homering. Amper, who was selected to pitch for the All-Hong Kong team against the American girls when they were here, assumed mound duties for the Filipinos, but was hit too often.

Sherry Bux and Barney Abbas played well in the infield. In the junior loop at Prince Edward Road, Liga Portuguesa registered the only shut-out of the week-end at the expense of the Royal Artillery, whilst the Cosmos just managed to beat the Royal Scots by 19-18. South China humbled Central British by 15-8 and Royal Air Force nosed out the Royal Engineers by the odd run in 23.

After leading 9-8 at the end of the sixth in the V.R.C.-Recreio clash, the Victorians were robbed of victory when the Bees blasted in five runs in the last inning to cinch the game. The V.R.C. squad fielded all their reserves, and had the score-keeper going haywire in trying to keep track of the score.

Georgie Guterres hurled for the Bees, but was blasted out of the box after only two and one-third innings. With the sacks soused, Charlie Quinn clouted a three-bagger, for Guterres to be yanked in favour of Wilfred Lawrence. Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto pitched for the Victorians, but did not show his former sparkle.

The Indian Softball Club-Chinese Baseballers, senior League game was postponed on account of failing light.

The meeting at Newmarket on October 16 and 17, including the Cambridgeshire and substitute St. Leger Stakes, has been cancelled, it was announced in London recently.

VOLUNTEER ROWING REGATTA

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is to hold an Inter-Unit Regatta on Dec. 21.

A meeting held yesterday, at which Lieut.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell presided, was attended by representatives of 3rd Battery, No. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 Machine Gun Companies, the Mobile Machine Gun Company and the Field Ambulance.

A sum of \$5 will be charged for each team. The money collected will be donated to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

The Rowing Committee formed yesterday was as follows:—

Chairman, Capt. J. G. B. Dewar; Hon. Sec. G. L. Eastgate; Hon. Treas. F. M. Thompson, Lt. J. M. M. Alves and T. Swan.

INTERNATIONAL SHIELD COMPETITION

Second Round matches in the Gutierrez International Shield competition will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Craigengower, not at 3.30 p.m. as previously reported. The draw is:—

England	v	Wales
Ireland	v	Switzerland
Scotland	v	India
Philippines	v	Australia

Semi-final matches will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club on the following day, also commencing at 3 p.m. sharp. The draw is:—

England or Wales	v	Philippines or Australia
Ireland or Switzerland	v	Scotland or India

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams will represent H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.—

1st XI (v K.C.C. at K.C.C.)—Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, R.N., J. H. Fox, Major D. C. E. Grose, H. Owen Hughes, J. L. Hiley, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce and R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd XI (v Police R.C. at H.K.C.C.)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brigadier T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and I. P. Tamworth.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-day and to-morrow on the "Y" ground, both matches starting at 5 p.m. sharp.

TO-DAY

2nd XI v St. Andrew's Fellowship:—Fishlock, Heptonstall and Ralston; Smiths, Gilchrist and Gorman; Banks, Grant, McGahan, Ireson and Bevan.

TO-MORROW

"A" XI v H.K. University:—Benwell, Jordan and Saxby; Coombe and Waldron; Macey, Ure, Pennington, Dunne and Highlands.

CLUB HELD BY SAPPERS

After a scoreless first half, the Hong Kong Hockey Club shared two goals with the Royal Engineers in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon. Shaw scored for the Engineers and Fowler for the Club.

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over until to-morrow.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Following is the Softball programme for Sunday:

GIRLS

Cardinals	v	Wahoos
(9.30 a.m.)		
Chung Hwa	v	Ramblerettes
(11 a.m.)		
Canuckettes	v	Little Flower
(12.30 p.m.)		

MEN'S

	First Division	
Canucks	v	Cyclones
(2.00 p.m.)		
Filipinos	v	Indians
(3.15 p.m.)		
Chinese		
Baseballer	v	St. Joseph's
(4.30 p.m.)		
	Second Division	
Liga	v	V.R.C.
(2.00 p.m.)		
Cosmopolitan	v	Recreio Bees
(10.00 a.m.)		
Engineers	v	South China
(3.15 p.m.)		
Artillery	v	Scots
(4.30 p.m.)		

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Cables	v	Shell
(9.30 a.m.)		
Bank	v	Texaco
(10.45 a.m.)		

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS AUCTIONED

First batch of Australian Griffins imported for the 1941 racing season was put up for sale by auction yesterday.

The sale resulted as follows:—No. 1 Chestnut mare by Bravia out of Little Inn, five years, 14.3 hands—\$1,850; No. 5 Bay mare by Balmerino out of Phollice, five years, 14.3 hands—withdrawn; No. 9 Bay gelding by Double Court out of Army Lass, four years, 14.3 hands—\$2,500; No. 14 Chestnut mare by Woorak out of Carolist, six years, 14.3 hands—\$1,450; No. 18 Bay mare by Double Court out of Royal Ruby, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,900; No. 24 Bay gelding by Weatherwise out of Unnamed mare by Finmark, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,250; No. 29 Chestnut mare by Dignus out of Lady Meca, five years, 14.2 hands—\$1,800; No. 34 Bay mare by Silverado out of Llangida, four years, 14.3 hands—\$3,600; No. 39 Brown mare by Pentheus out of Royal Glory, six years, 14.3 hands—\$1,750; No. 44 Bay mare by Rubus out of Boonahwah, six years, 14.3 hands—not offered on veterinary advice; No. 48 Chestnut mare by Colugo out of Cooma Maid, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,550. Purchasers' Names Not Divulged.

The names of the purchasers were not divulged as it was a private sale among members only.

TODAY'S RUGBY

At 5 p.m. to-day Club "A" will meet Navy "A" at the Valley.

Following are the teams:—Navy "A"—P. O. Slough, L. A. C. Gracie, P. O. Wills, Tel. Honeywell, S/Lt. McGill, Lt. Carter, Lt. Cdr. Clark; Ldg. Sig. Inglis, S/Lt. Brower, S/Lt. Beattie, A. B. Longmuir, L. S. Jones, Ord. Sea. Taylor, Cdt. Thorn and Cdt. Hurley.

Reserve—P. O. Wtr. Snell, Ldg. Sea. Ravenscroft, A. B. Lilley, Tel. Faulkner, S/Lt. Eager, P. O. Baugh and S/Lt. Dobson.

Club "A"—Rogers, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Stewart, C. F. Needham, H. van Leeuwen, T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemo, C. M. Stark, R. C. Gairdner, R. Heasman, A. G. Dalziel, R. M. King, J. Moodle, R. G. Castleton and W. Stoker.

Bob Topping, brother of Dan Topping, owner of the Brooklyn football Dodgers, has bought a club in the Hawaiian Island Baseball League.

Upset Follows Upset At 9th Extra Meeting

By "Rapier"

SENSATIONAL UPSETS featured the Ninth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley on Saturday. This was due to the slightly heavier track on account of the rain which fell the night before, and punters certainly had a terrible time during the afternoon, seven favourites failing one after another until the seventh race, when the favourite just staved off defeat by dead-heating with another outsider.

Income Tax, ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, was instrumental in paying out the second biggest dividend of the year—\$336.30. A new "Daily Double" record was also established when Pumpnickel, with Mr. Proulx up, dead-heated with Brown Derby (Mr. Black) for first position in the second leg, and the solitary ticket-holder on Pumpnickel was rewarded with \$7,572.00 whilst the 23 supporters of Brown Derby each received \$329.20.

Jockey honours deservedly went to Mr. D. Black, with three wins and a third in five starts and special mention should be made of the seventh race when, as the result of very determined riding, he brought Brown Derby in to dead-heat with Pumpnickel for first position. Mr. B. L. Tao was second with two wins and a second, also in five starts. Mr. L. B. Chao's riding in the last race, the Kwangtung Handicap, on which the mammoth \$1.00 sweep depended, should also be recorded as he rode with rare judgment to stave off defeat from Victoria, ridden by Mr. Pih, and the lucky drawer of the winning ticket has much to thank him for.

Honours among the owners were evenly distributed.

Change Of Riders

The first race, the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, a handicap for China ponies—griffins of this season that had started in at least three Extra meetings—was the principal event of the afternoon, and it resulted in the first upset of the day, Dupont Bay, which was third in the Double Tenth Plate, with Mr. Sung up, scoring a fine win under Mr. Black. O-Lan, which placed second to Eve of Harvest last time out, was a real hot favourite with Mr. Sung up, but without the services of Mr. Needa it had to be content with being second, losing by 1½ lengths to its stable-mate Dupont Bay, which was the second string from Mr. T. K. Li's stable.

A fast pace was set by Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei), winner of the Double Tenth Plate, as soon as the barrier was lifted, followed by Dupont Bay, Gay Star (Mr. Tao), Johnber (Mr. Chao) and O-Lan. There was no change in the position after passing the ½ mile post, but on rounding the Village bend Mr. Black sent Dupont Bay forward to pass Distinctive Time, which tried its best to catch up but to no avail, having to be satisfied with third position after O-Lan had passed it near the 100 yards post.

Biggest Dividend

Biggest dividend of the day was paid by Income Tax, cleverly ridden by Mr. Tao, in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (first section) confined to "B" Class Australian ponies. Springhurst (Mr. Poy) monopolised the betting to the extent of 2,622 tickets in the win booth, and it certainly looked a winner fifty yards from the winning post, but it could only manage third place.

Franklin (Mr. Chao) took the lead for a short while and was then overhauled by Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), which had disappointed punters at the last two meetings, and it maintained its lead until nearing the Members' Stand, when the favourite, Springhurst, forged slightly ahead. Fair Chance then reasserted itself, but as these two ponies were fighting it out Income Tax, to the surprise of all, came through on the outside with a great burst of speed to overhaul the leaders and win by a short head from its stable-mate Fair Chance, which was a short head in front of Springhurst.

Novice Upset

The third race, the Werribee Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies was contested by Novice jockeys for the first time, and it resulted in yet another upset. Quick Despatch (Mr. Cooper) carried the bulk of the money, with Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) next in demand. Tarzan made

the running, followed by Winnie (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), Colorado Star (Mr. Sequeira), Quick Despatch and Sea Urchin (Mr. Chui). This position was maintained until after passing the 1¼ mile starting gate, when Mr. Chiu sent Winnie forward to overtake Tarzan and romp home an easy winner by five lengths, with Quick Despatch third, another three lengths behind.

Avon Surprises

The fourth race, the Wyndham Handicap for "B" Class China ponies over the Champions distance, again saw the favourite fall by the wayside. Red Feather (Mr. Wei) was backed to the tune of 1,965 win tickets, followed by Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) with 1,683 and Galaxy (Mr. Tao) with 1,653 and all three disappointed! The race started with Jobber (Mr. Chao) taking the lead, followed by Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), Red Feather, Galaxy and Avon (Mr. Black), the ultimate winner. No change was noticed until after passing the Rock, when Red Feather and Galaxy passed Jobber together, both fighting to take the lead with Galaxy having the better of the argument on reaching the last quarter, followed closely by Bear Claw (Mr. Trevorton), Avon and Rose Emily. On coming down the straight Red Feather and Bear Claw fell out of the race leaving Galaxy hotly challenged by Avon for first position, and the latter took the lead on reaching the mile post and went on to win by 1½ lengths with Rose Emily third, another four lengths away.

Disqualification

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Moore Park Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double" and in which the favourite, Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), again failed. Lancashire Chips, as usual, took an immediate lead, followed by Ascot Day (Mr. Hearne). On rounding the bend Lancashire Chips was still leading, but was overhauled by Ascot Day after passing the two-mile post gate and the latter looked every inch a winner. To the consternation of the crowd, however, it was passed near the post by Mr. Ip Kui-ying who had begun to apply his whip on Vanity Fair, and this win paid the second best win dividend of the day.

After the race the protest flag was hoisted and the Stewards subsequently held an enquiry into the riding of Mr. Ip, and it was later revealed that they had decided to disqualify Vanity Fair for bumping and boring, and the official result was given as follows:

- 1st. Ascot Day
- 2nd. Lancashire Chips
- 3rd. Viceroy (Mr. Black).

Favourite Second

The sixth race, the Ballarat Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies, resulted in another surprise for punters. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy) was made favourite, but it disappointed badly. Centre Court (Mr. Sung) adopted run-away tactics immediately the gate was released, followed by Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) and Twilight Star (Mr. S. W. Tang). Rounding the bend it was still leading and running strongly, but it found Cheerful Star a hard nut to crack and was passed in the straight. Cheerful Star went on to win by two lengths from Piccadilly Jim, which was second, 1½ lengths in front of Centre Court.

Thrilling Finish

Quite an interesting finish was witnessed in the seventh race, the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section), which was also the second leg of the "Daily Double" and in which the only favourite of the day did not disappoint, although it dead-heated for first position with Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) another outsider. Punters placed their money on Brown Derby (Mr. Black), which was recently promoted. Pumpnickel was off like a

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flash immediately the gate went up, followed by Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) and Sea Jay (Mr. Craven), and this order was maintained until passing the Rock, when Pumpnickel was being challenged by A Roaring Time (Mr. Wei). On rounding the bend into the home straight Pumpnickel bored out slightly, but not enough to jeopardise its chances of winning, and it was running sufficiently well to indicate a win, but Brown Derby, after passing A Roaring Time, came up on the outside and scored a thrilling dead-heat win with Pumpnickel.

Had Mr. Proulx ridden the same finish as he did on Fair Chance in a previous race, Brown Derby would not have had a chance to catch up with it. Mr. Proulx made the mistake of turning his head to see who was behind him at a critical stage of the race and by so doing he retarded the pony's running. In that split second Mr. Black saw his opportunity and with a great effort he forged Brown Derby forward to dead-heat to the delight of his admirers and to the sorrow of the only backer of Pumpnickel in the "Daily Double".

Punters Shaken

The last race of the day, the Kwangtung Handicap, on which the result of the big \$1.00 sweep depended, was certainly the most disastrous for punters. The public was so confident in Victoria (Mr. Pih) to win this race that 3,588 backers backed it to win. Once again Victoria disappointed. Carrying 168 lbs., Thirty Six (Mr. Chao) was not conceded much of a chance of winning according to the betting, but it confounded the critics.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Sung) jumped out into the lead, followed by Eve of Hunting (Mr. Black), Just In Time (Mr. Wei), Victoria and Taxing Master (Mr. Tao). After passing the six furlongs post Taxing Master moved up to second position and Victoria was fourth. On passing the Rock, Victoria moved up to second position and on coming round the

'NAUTICAL TORTOISE' HAS ITS DAY

A NAUTICAL tortoise had its day when Sidney A. Allen won the historic Gold Cup in Hotsy Totsy III at Long Island, America, recently.

It was the first time Sid Allen ever competed for the ancient urn. He is 32 . . . runs a small boat yard, operates a motion picture theatre and roller skating rink and dabbles in real estate at Hampton Bays, L. I.

In a boat which had been considered a flop, and for which he paid only \$1,200, Allen snatched the coveted trophy by outlasting craft capable of 70 miles an hour and which cost \$35,000.

Slowest Time In 16 Years

Allen's time was the slowest in 16 years. He averaged less than 49 miles an hour in piling up 800 points in capturing the first two heats.

Hotsy Totsy III, a little two-step, mahogany-hulled, 22-foot affair, is to its owner the least expensive packet ever to bag the cup, and Allen did not receive the bill of sale from the widow of Victor Klesrath until shortly before the race.

Klesrath had Hotsy Totsy III constructed at a cost of \$15,000 in 1927, and considered her a failure after her cup bow that year.

bend Thirty Six shot out from the bunch at a terrific speed to take the lead on the outside with Victoria, hugging the rails, slightly behind. Stride by stride these two ponies raced on with both jockeys using the whip freely to urge their ponies on, but try as he did Mr. Pih simply could not push Victoria ahead and had to admit defeat by a short head. It was undoubtedly due to Mr. Chao's fine riding that Thirty Six beat Victoria by a short head, with Blue Gate (Mr. Chang) third, three lengths behind.

Notre Dame Wins 3rd Heat

HERBERT Mendelson's Notre Dame couldn't get a tow for 30 minutes after being forced out of the first heat, and so much time was lost rescuing the Detroit creation that she couldn't be repaired in time for the second.

Notre Dame, with Danny Arena at the helm, won the third heat by miles . . . averaging 69.77.

Lou Fageol put water in the hull of So Long for the trip from Los Angeles. The idea was to keep the Californian from drying out, but the ignition, wiring and starter went blooie.

Gar Wood Jr.'s "Tinker Joy" Folds

TWO of the three motors in George Cannon's new Gray Goose III chucked it all. Gar Wood Jr.'s Tinker Joy folded.

Only the despised Hotsy Totsy III and the 15-year-old Miss Syndicate, which isn't even a hydroplane, escaped being crippled.

Not one of the half dozen starters went the entire 30 miles represented by three 30-mile heats, but Hotsy Totsy III kept chugging right along until flagged off the course in the final test because she couldn't finish within nine minutes of the first boat, Notre Dame.

When Notre Dame finally did get going, she was 10 miles ahead, but it was too late.

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AXIS SEEKING TO BRING FRANCE INTO THE WAR

Impending Visit Of Von Ribbentrop To Vichy

ANTI-AXIS MOVEMENT IN FRANCE

The anti-Axis movement in unoccupied France is described by a writer in the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

The writer is anonymous, but is said to be a well-known politician, not a Swiss, who has spent the last few months in Vichy.

The anti-British feeling which followed the collapse of France and the incidents at Oran and Dakar, he says, has been replaced by a growing sympathy as British resistance continues.

For a long time, the French people could not understand why their countrymen bearing a white flag were fired on at Dakar.

They now believe that the order to fire was given by the Germans.

While Marshal Petain is anxious to check any anti-British feeling, the writer says, he is opposed by Laval and Baudouin, who are staking everything on the Nazi cards. — Reuter.

HARBOUR RESCUE

Risking his life, a 16-year-old Chinese bootblack on board one of the Hong Kong-Yaumati ferry launches, jumped into the harbour yesterday afternoon and rescued a 63-year-old woman who attempted to commit suicide. The woman was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Rejection By Petain Predicted

REPORTS ARE LINKING together rumours of an impending visit by Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, to Vichy and that M. Laval, Vichy Vice-Premier, is in Paris negotiating on a proposal for reaching a definite armistice with the Axis.

According to American correspondents, M. Laval's proposal is that France should give up Alsace-Lorraine, Nice, Tunis and Djibouti.

The Axis would undertake not to steal anything else if Vichy declared war on Britain.

There are German-inspired suggestions that negotiations have reached a point where Ribbentrop's visit to Vichy might clinch them.

"The German press, for the past two weeks, has refrained from saying anything derogatory about France."

According to these American correspondents, it is agreed that Marshal Petain would reject any such proposal and it is believed that Laval himself doubts if the French army, navy and air force would fight Great Britain.

Other reports indicate that the French people hold this view.

For instance, in Paris, the police have found 18 centres for the secret printing and distribution of pamphlets, and 615 people have been arrested. — Reuter.

French Socialists Issue Manifesto

"THE SOCIALISTS OF FRANCE ARE CONVINCED THAT ENGLAND FIGHTS ALONE TO DEFEND THE FREEDOM OF THE ENTIRE WORLD AGAINST THE MONSTROUS ATTEMPT TO ENSLAVE IT MADE BY HITLER AND MUSSOLINI."

"They salute with admiration the resistance of the British people and are convinced that in this they are at one with almost the entire French population."

This declaration is made in a manifesto recently drawn up in unoccupied French territory by members of the French Socialist Party and which has just reached London. — Reuter.

Berlin Comment On Churchill Broadcast

Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast to France was described in political circles in Berlin yesterday as "an attempt to enlist the French people once more as an ally," according to the official German news agency.

It is further described as "another proof of the hopeless position of Britain who, without chance of escape, is moving towards her destruction." — Reuter.

BROADCAST NOT PRINTED IN FRANCE

Mr. Churchill's broadcast to the French people has not yet been released by the Vichy Government for publication in unoccupied France.

The only comment is from a Vichy Foreign Office spokesman, who said it was interesting to note how Mr. Churchill tried to throw the responsibility for the war on to the Germans.

The American press widely praises the speech.

The "New York Times" says it was "a call of a free man to his comrades in prison" and a most effective argument for his silent supporters in France.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that the note of confidence in Mr. Churchill's speech was stronger than in any of his earlier calls to arms. — Reuter.

NOTHING IMPORTANT TO REPORT

"Nothing important to report in Egypt, the Sudan and Palestine," said yesterday's Cairo communiqué. The communiqué adds that one of our patrols successfully attacked the enemy at Dukan, Kenya. The enemy withdrew, leaving five killed as well as equipment and camels. — Reuter.

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Discussing the progress of United States rearmament at the opening session of the New York "Herald-Tribune" forum yesterday, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, declared they needed more naval bases in the Pacific "and we will have them."

Col. Knox added: "How far flung these Pacific bases must be awaits the outcome of events now in the making."

"We now have the most powerful fleet afloat—the most powerful in speed, armour, striking power and variety of type."

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"We waited far too long before reinforcing it. We were inexcusably tardy in recognising how vital sea power was to our safety."

"We were awakened by the possibility that we might have to stand alone against the totalitarian powers."

Col. Knox declared the production of naval vessels was proceeding ahead of schedule. International News.

TONE WAS
DIFFERENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Asserting that in addressing the French people directly, Mr. Winston Churchill "infringed international practice," authorised quarters in Vichy yesterday were otherwise very reserved in commenting on the British Prime Minister's speech, merely pointing out that "its tone was different from the Premier's other addresses." — Havas.

BLOCKED GOODS TO
BE RETURNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An unconfirmed message from Yunnan yesterday stated that the Chinese authorities have consented to Chinese merchants bringing back to Shanghai, via Hong Kong, goods which were blocked in Indo-China as a sequel to the closing of the Yunnan railway. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South-west winds; moderate; fine to cloudy.

H.M.S. KIMBERLEY
IN RED SEA SCRAPItalian Destroyer
Blown UpGIFTS FOR
EMPIRE
WAREFFORT

Further gifts towards the Empire war effort were recorded yesterday. The Sultan of Johore has sent a cheque for £100,000 as a personal ten year loan from himself, free of interest.

Queen Salote of Tonga, wife of Prince Uiliama Tugi and the Premier has headed a scheme of voluntary contributions from officials to British war funds with a gift of £200 a year. A total sum of £878 a year will be paid in monthly instalments.

A British resident having given £2,000 to launch a fund for the purchase of a fighter plane for Britain, the Government of Tonga has duplicated this amount and guaranteed the balance required. Other contributions bring the total to £4,913.

With Queen Salote's consent the plane will bear her name.

The Paramount Chief of Basutoland and the Basutoland Council have offered on behalf of the Basuto nation a gift of £100,000 to help in the prosecution of the war. It is understood the Chief and Council desire to attach no conditions to the gift but would be pleased if it would be devoted to some specific object such as the provision of a flight or other suitable formation of fighter aeroplanes with which the name of Basutoland would be associated. — British Wireless.

VIOLENT 'QUAKE
ROCKS BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A violent earthquake was felt in Bucharest yesterday morning. Many houses were seriously damaged while electric light and telephones were interrupted. Panic occurred in several districts around Bucharest but the number of victims is unknown. — Havas.

RUN ON NATIONAL
CITY BANK, PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Owing to the present situation, it was learned in Peiping yesterday, depositors are withdrawing money from the National City Bank in the northern city. The Bank has agreed to pay depositors in Federal Reserve notes. — Havas.

COAL RATIONING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Coal rationing is now in force in Hsinking following the issue of coal tickets, says the "Manchuria Daily News." — Havas.

THE ITALIAN DESTROYER FRANCESCO NULLO WAS FORCED A GROUND AND BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO FIRED FROM THE BRITISH DESTROYER KIMBERLEY IN A SPIRITED ACTION IN THE RED SEA.

This was revealed in an official Admiralty communique issued in London last night giving an entirely different complexion to the action as reported by Rome.

During the night of Sunday/Monday, relates the Admiralty, one of our convoys in the Red Sea was attacked by two Italian destroyers who fired torpedoes at the escorting vessels and shelled the convoy.

Our escorting vessels immediately opened fire on the enemy and gave chase.

Contact was temporarily lost but H.M.S. Kimberley (commanded by Lt. Comm J. A. M. Richardson, R.N.) regained

touch at daylight and engaged one enemy destroyer identified as the Francesco Nullo.

After an action lasting 40 minutes the Italian destroyer, having been heavily damaged, ran ashore and was blown up by a torpedo fired from Kimberley.

Kimberley Hit

Kimberley came under the fire of a shore battery of three guns and received one hit, splinters from which damaged a steam pipe and reduced her speed.

Kimberley succeeded, however, in silencing two out of the three shore guns. In this spirited action Kimberley sustained three wounded, and the next of kin will be informed as soon as possible.

No other ship, either escorting vessel or in convoy, received any damage. — Reuter.

TENSION IN
EAST: VICHY
VIEWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE ADMITTING NEW COMPLICATIONS IN THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION, THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER "LE TEMPS" YESTERDAY EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ARMED CONFLICT.

"Japan as well as Britain and the United States has no interest in such a conflict in the Pacific, since the main result would be the ruin of both victors and vanquished. Nevertheless the present tension is threatening the immediate future and it creates a gloomy atmosphere on both sides of the Pacific." — Havas.

RIBBENTROP AT
HITLER-LAVAL TALK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German news agency reports that Hitler met Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier, yesterday, in the presence of Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, somewhere in France. Subject of the discussions is unknown. — Havas.

CHOLERA CASES

Three cases of cholera, two from Kowloon and one from the New Territories, 35 cases of tuberculosis, 10 of dysentery, six of typhoid, three of meningitis and one of measles, were notified yesterday.

INDO-CHINA
CUSTOMS
AUTONOMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE "PARIS SOIR" REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO GRANT FULL CUSTOMS AUTONOMY TO INDO-CHINA, TO ENABLE THE INDO-CHINA AUTHORITIES TO CONCLUDE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN.

The Japanese economic mission now in the colony will negotiate this accord which will provide for large Japanese imports of Indo-Chinese rice and rubber as well as other commodities.

The accord will also determine the conditions of providing food supplies for the Japanese troops. — Havas.

BAUDOIN
DICTUM

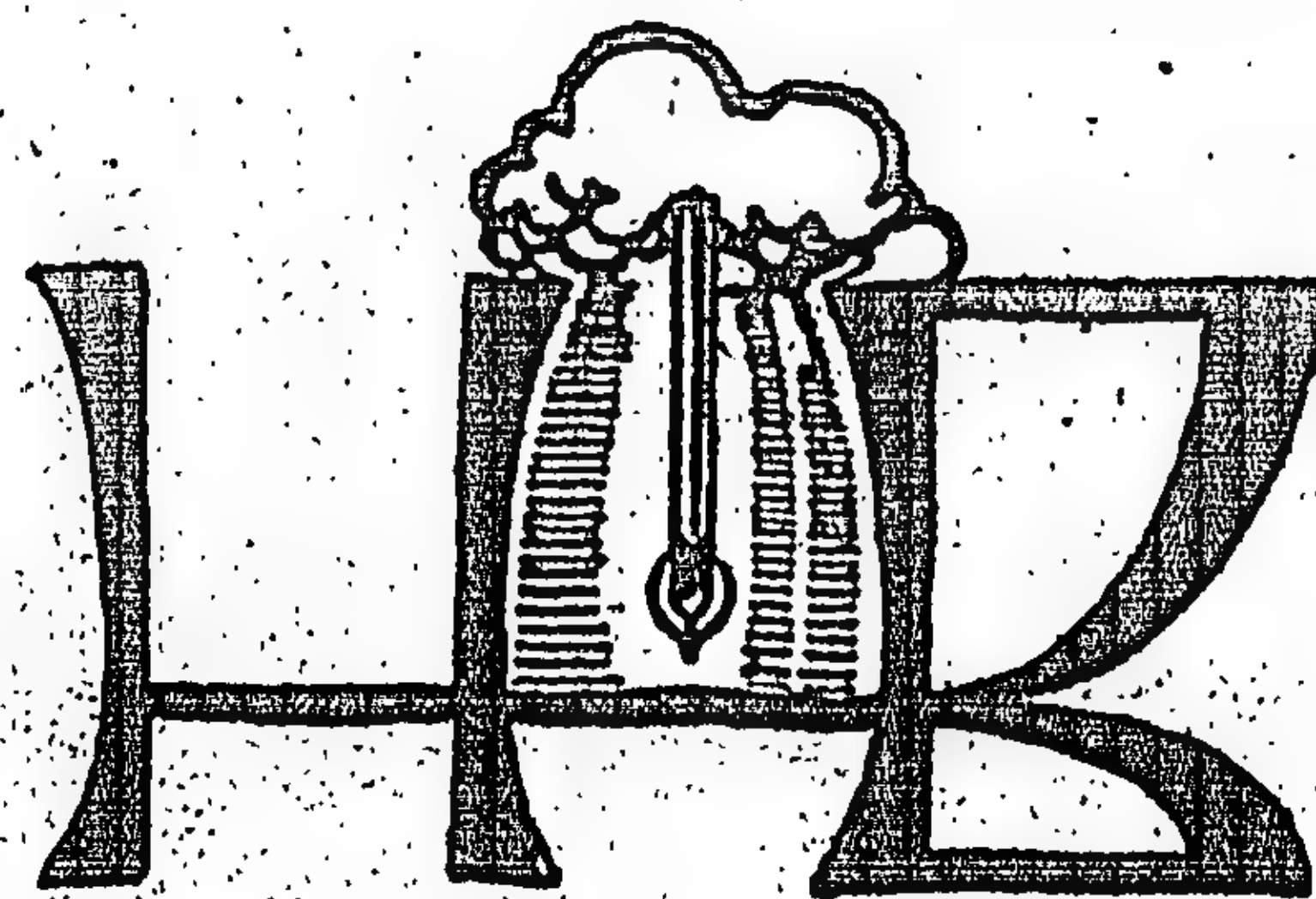
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A significant statement, taken in conjunction with the Hitler-Laval meeting and rumours of a possible French declaration of war on Britain, was made in Vichy yesterday by M. Paul Baudoin, French Foreign Minister.

Addressing American newspapermen, M. Baudoin said: "France must not aim at the eternal prolongation of the Franco-German historical struggle."

Referring to the new anti-Jewish measures in France, M. Baudoin claimed the considerable inflow of Jews meant "considerable danger" for France. — Havas.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

STAGE SET FOR GRAZIANI

Great Strengthening Of British Army In Desert

Skirmishes Between Armoured Units

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With the British Army in the Western Desert)

A MARKED STRENGTHENING OF THE BRITISH DEFENCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT WAS THE CHIEF IMPRESSION LEFT BY A VISIT I HAVE JUST MADE TO THIS FRONT.

ITALIANS AGAIN RAID ALEXANDRIA

Enemy aircraft again dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of Alexandria early yesterday morning, says a naval communique.

Very slight damage was caused. Only casualty was one person slightly injured. —Reuter.

Present military activity is not large, consisting chiefly of skirmishes and brief clashes between forward armoured units, but it is reasonable to suppose that an Italian advance may be ordered by Marshal Graziani in the near future.

Italian planes are busy photographing what is visible of the enormously increased British defence posts while the R.A.F. daily pounds the Italian rear between Sidi Barrani and Benghazi.

The Italians attempt to retaliate with raids on desert camps, which are excellently camouflaged, hence casualties are extremely small.

General Gallina, who now appears to be second-in-command to Marshal Graziani, has encountered difficulties in preparing his troops for a further advance into Egypt, as Moslem troops are reluctant to further invade Egypt.

The reluctance has increased as many of General Gallina's troops are pure Egyptians who settled in Cyrenaica, being subsequently conscripted.

Senussi Tribes

A large number of Libyan troops are of the Senussi tribe which is notably lukewarm in its support of the Italians.

Hence the advance appears likely to be delayed until after the Feasts of Ramadan and Bairam, which conclude 16 days hence.

Full use of the difficult desert terrain has been made in the British defence system on the preparation of which the British troops enthusiastically engaged.

Quiet Confidence

Everywhere quiet confidence is expressed. New Zealand troops particularly are pleased at being in the war zone after their long training near Cairo.

Great underground defence works have been constructed beneath the desert by the British army. Almost perfect cover is assured for tents and equipment, to such an extent that Italian bombers frequently unload their bombs on the desert at random in the hope of hitting something.

Entire Bedouin tribes have been seen trekking from the war zone driving herds and flocks before them.

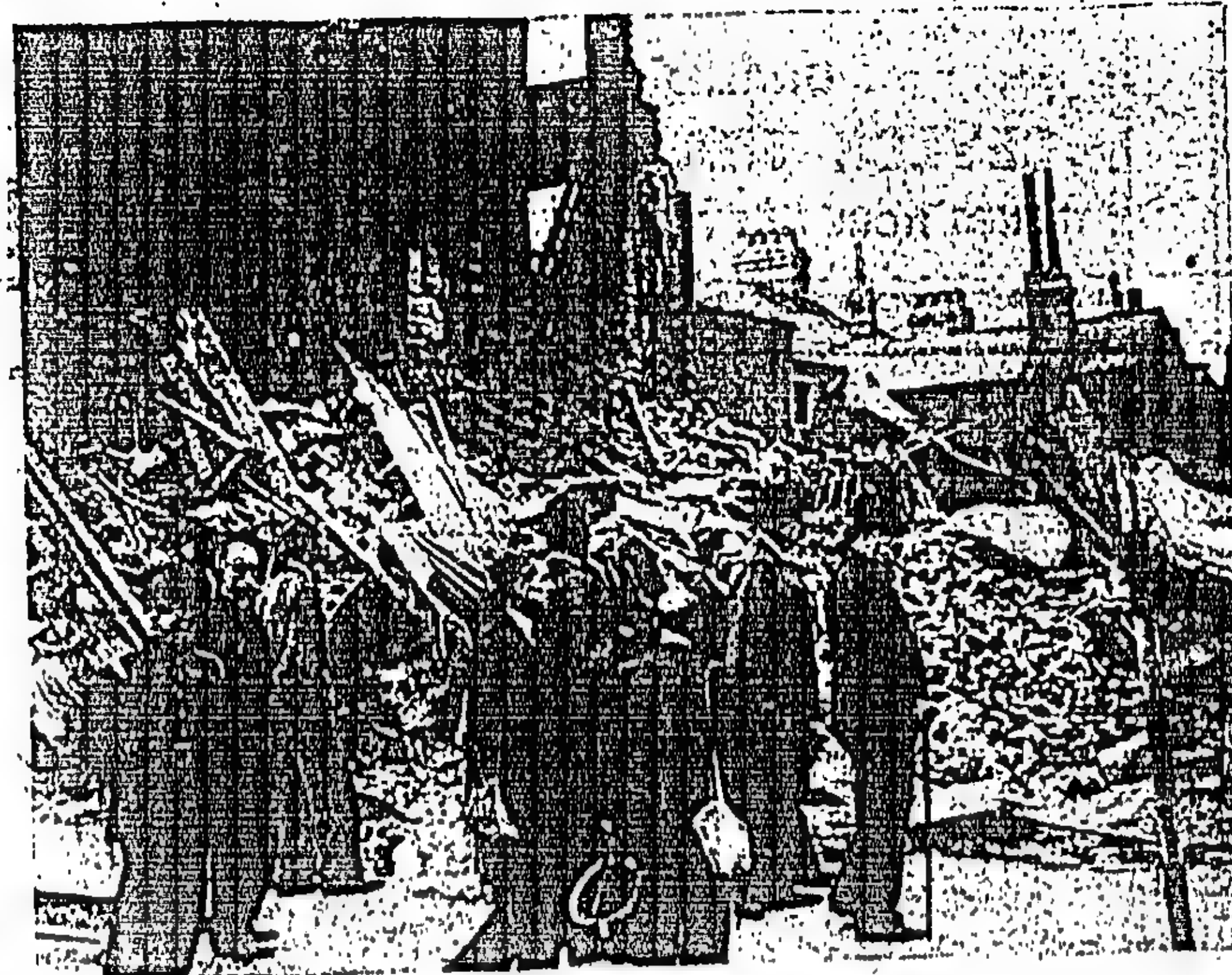
They are no embarrassment to the military authorities for they are mainly nomadic and able to find a living almost anywhere. —Reuter.

FRENCH IN ARMY OF KENYA

THE FREE FRENCH COMMUNITY OF KENYA HAS PRESENTED AN AMBULANCE TO GENERAL DICKENSEN, THE G.O.C.

In accepting the gift, the G.O.C. said it was only one sign of the magnificent effort free Frenchmen were making.

He was glad to say that quite a number of free French were serving in his army. — Reuter.



Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by officials, inspecting the damage caused by German bombing in the East End of London. (Copyright, Fox).

AXIS SCRAMBLING FOR RESOURCES FOR LONG WAR

EVERY MOVE OF THE Axis powers in the Balkans, baulked in their expectation of a speedy victory, is now directed to the acquisition of resources from the Near East and Africa which the blockade denies them, declared the London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday in an editorial on the Eastern Group Supply Conference to be opened in New Delhi on Friday.

The "Telegraph" adds the Far East also, if they can invent the means, is to pay them tribute.

While the Dictators prate thus of establishing a new order, a new world order has already come into being.

The free Empire of our British Commonwealth is marshalling its united strength for a war effort such as civilisation has never known.

After referring to the industrial possibilities of the countries represented at the conference, the paper adds that these Empire countries, with little other assistance, provide for the British armies of the Near East through a major campaign.

Empire Soon To Deploy

Our own resources and those which we draw from Canada and the Western Hemisphere will be free to strike where their blows will be most deadly.

The strength of the unity of the free Empire has never been understood by the Dictators. It will soon deploy against them resources which no schemes or drives of theirs can match. — Reuter.

KING'S NEW MILITARY AIDES

A NEW HONOUR FOR BRITISH ARMY LEADERS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE LAST NIGHT IN THE FORM OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AS AIDES-DE-CAMP GENERAL TO THE KING.

General Viscount Gort, with effect from July 20, in succession to General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has been promoted Field-Marshal.

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, with effect from June 8, in succession to General Sir William Bartholomew, who has

DE GAULLE MAKESTOUR OF AFRICA

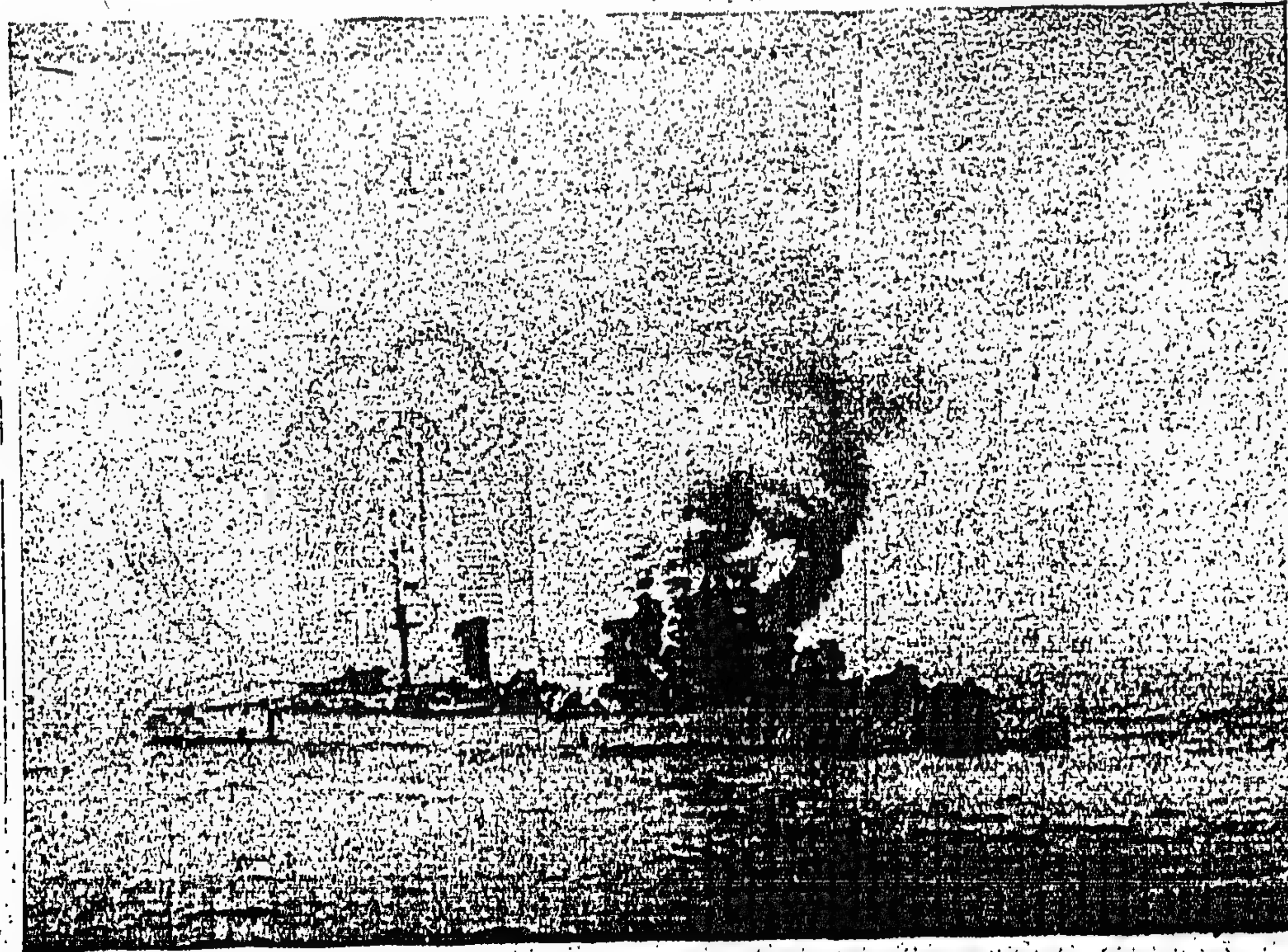
General de Gaulle, Leader of Free Frenchmen, has just concluded a tour of French Equatorial Africa, including the interior of the Cameroons and the Chad region.

At Yaounde, capital of the Cameroons, and Port Lamy, capital of Chad, and numerous other places which the party visited by plane, General de Gaulle was enthusiastically welcomed by the European and native population, local chiefs offering coming from afar to affirm their loyalty.

Perhaps the most moving moment of the whole tour was a meeting at the Governor's headquarters at Fort Lamy between General de Gaulle and General Catroux, former Governor of Indo-China, who went especially from London to assure General de Gaulle of his full support and bearing new evidence of Britain's will and growing power to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

General Catroux has left for England again, while General de Gaulle is back in Duala. — Reuter.

retired from the active list. General Sir John Dill, with effect from July 1, in succession to General Sir Walter Kirke, who has retired from the active list. — Reuter.



Picture taken at the sinking of the Italian six-inch cruiser, Bartolomeo Colleoni, by H.M.A.S. Sydney in the Mediterranean. Sydney, accompanied by a small destroyer force, engaged two Italian cruisers to the north west of Crete. The other withdrew with the British in pursuit. It is plain that the Bartolomeo Colleoni has felt the weight of the British guns. Her bows are blown clean away. (Copyright, Fox).

New German Warships In Dock At Hamburg Heavily Bombed

A Thousand Incendiaries Dropped

ENEMY WARSHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE BLOHM AND VOSS SHIP-BUILDING YARDS AT HAMBURG WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT BY R.A.F. BOMBERS, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

High explosive and over 1,000 fire bombs were dropped on the shipyard and docks in the immediate vicinity in a raid which began soon after 8 p.m. and continued for more than an hour.



Furniture and belongings to residents in a bombed London area assembled in the roadway next morning. (Copyright, Fox).

SMALL SCALE AIR RAIDS

Enemy air attacks on Britain yesterday were on a very small scale, says an Air Ministry communique issued in London last evening.

A few sporadic raids were made in the morning by single enemy aircraft on several towns on the south-east coast, and some damage was done.

In two towns houses were demolished and a few people were killed or injured.

A force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast in the afternoon near Dungeness. They were promptly intercepted by strong forces of our fighters and were unable to penetrate to the London area.

Reports so far received show that in this attack very little damage was done though a few bombs were dropped on a south-east town.—Reuter.

THEFT OF FANS

Admitting the theft of two electric fans from No. 123, Temple Street, Ng Chuen, 23, and Ng Hing, 25, were bound over by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused were seen each carrying a fan in Reclamation Street at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday. A district watchman questioned them and was frankly told that they had stolen them.

Accused were previously employed at the place. They were paid off a week ago but allowed to sleep on the premises.

ATHLONE'S VISIT TO ROOSEVELT

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, were engaged in animated conversation as they walked down the platform from the train on which the Governor-General returned from his week-end visit to the Roosevelt at Hyde Park, N.Y., yesterday.

It is not the custom that any Vice-Royal statement should be made but it is understood the visit was most satisfactory and pleasant in every way.—Reuter.

A heavy ground haze, great searchlight activity and intense anti-aircraft fire made conditions difficult for the raiding crews but by making individual attacks from different directions and heights they were able to evade the ground defences and press home their attacks.

Many fires broke out in the shipyard and surrounding docks and in one place a chain of fires became one great flaming mass.

Oil Refinery Ablaze

Heavy bombers made a lightning raid on an oil refinery at Reisholz, near Duesseldorf, at 6.30 p.m.

For ten minutes high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained on the plant and 14 separate fires were counted in the target area.

Many explosions and fires were started in railway yards at Duesseldorf and Derendorf and bombs were also dropped on the main line south-west of Duesseldorf and an aerodrome at Stade.—Reuter.

WIDESPREAD R.A.F. OPERATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST

AN ITALIAN DESTROYER IN THE RED SEA WAS ATTACKED ON MONDAY BY R.A.F. BOMBERS AND A DIRECT HIT ON THE VESSEL'S STERN WAS SCORED.

This was only part of widespread operations by the R.A.F. in the Middle East on Monday, says the Air Ministry.

Near Sollum low level attacks on enemy working parties and motor transport were carried out. A number of military vehicles was destroyed by fire and others severely damaged.

Several R.A.F. bombing raids were carried out on Asmara and Gura, in Eritrea, when tankers near workshops were hit and buildings set on fire. Two raids were made on Bahardar (Lake Tana) in Italian East Africa, on the aerodrome, causing three explosions.

Chased 30 Miles

An Italian plane intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. air-

CANADA'S NAVAL BUILDING

SIX MORE LARGE STEAM-DRIVEN MINE-SWEEPERS AT A COST OF ABOUT £120,000 EACH HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CANADIAN MUNITIONS MINISTER, MR. C. D. HOWE, YESTERDAY.

This brings the number of vessels in Canada's major shipbuilding programme to 98, involving a cost of more than £12,000,000 and consisting of 34 mine-sweepers for the Canadian Navy, ten corvettes for the Royal Navy and 54 corvettes for the Canadian Navy.

A very substantial proportion of these 98 ships will have been launched before the end of this year.—Reuter.

HUNTING DOWN THE "COMMUNISTS"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Widespread searches of the residences of Communists in the south of France continue to be carried out. Another 65 Communists have been arrested of whom 13 were women. The police discovered thousands of leaflets, many duplicating machines, typewriters and issues of the secretly

LORD LOTHIAN SEES THE KING

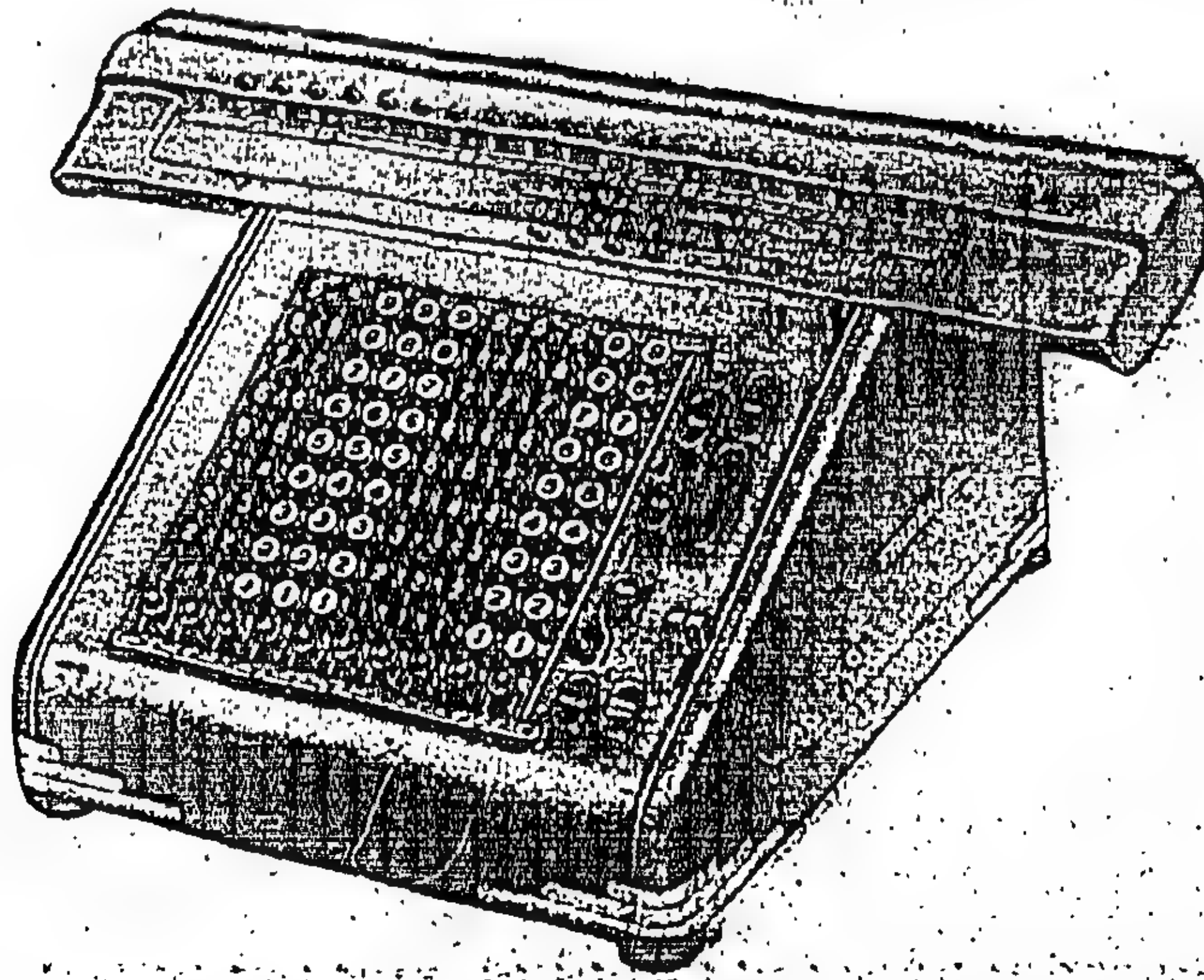
Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, who is in London, was received by the King yesterday.

His Majesty also received Mr. Winston Churchill who remained to lunch.—Reuter.

edited Communist newspaper "Humanite." — Havas.

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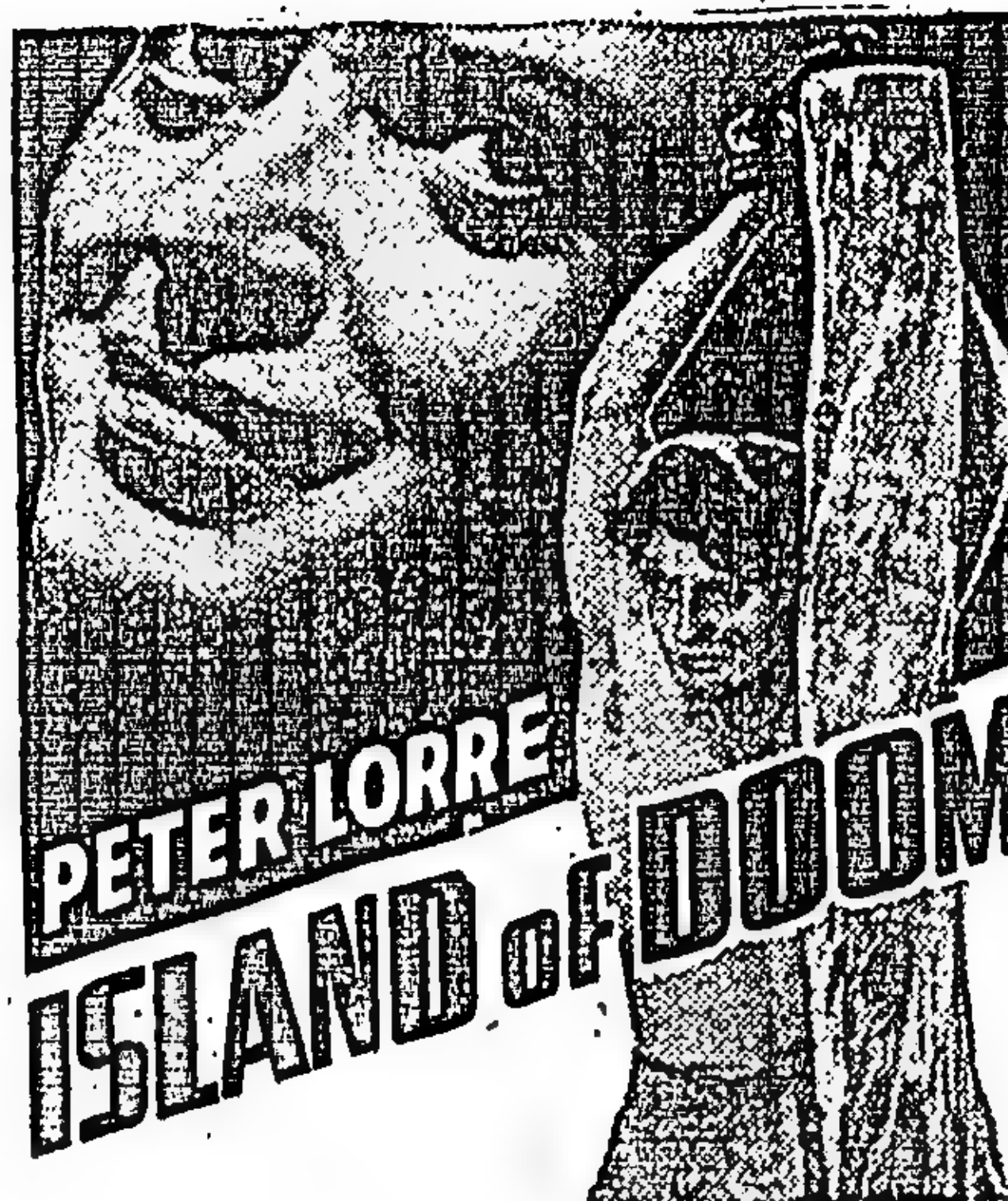
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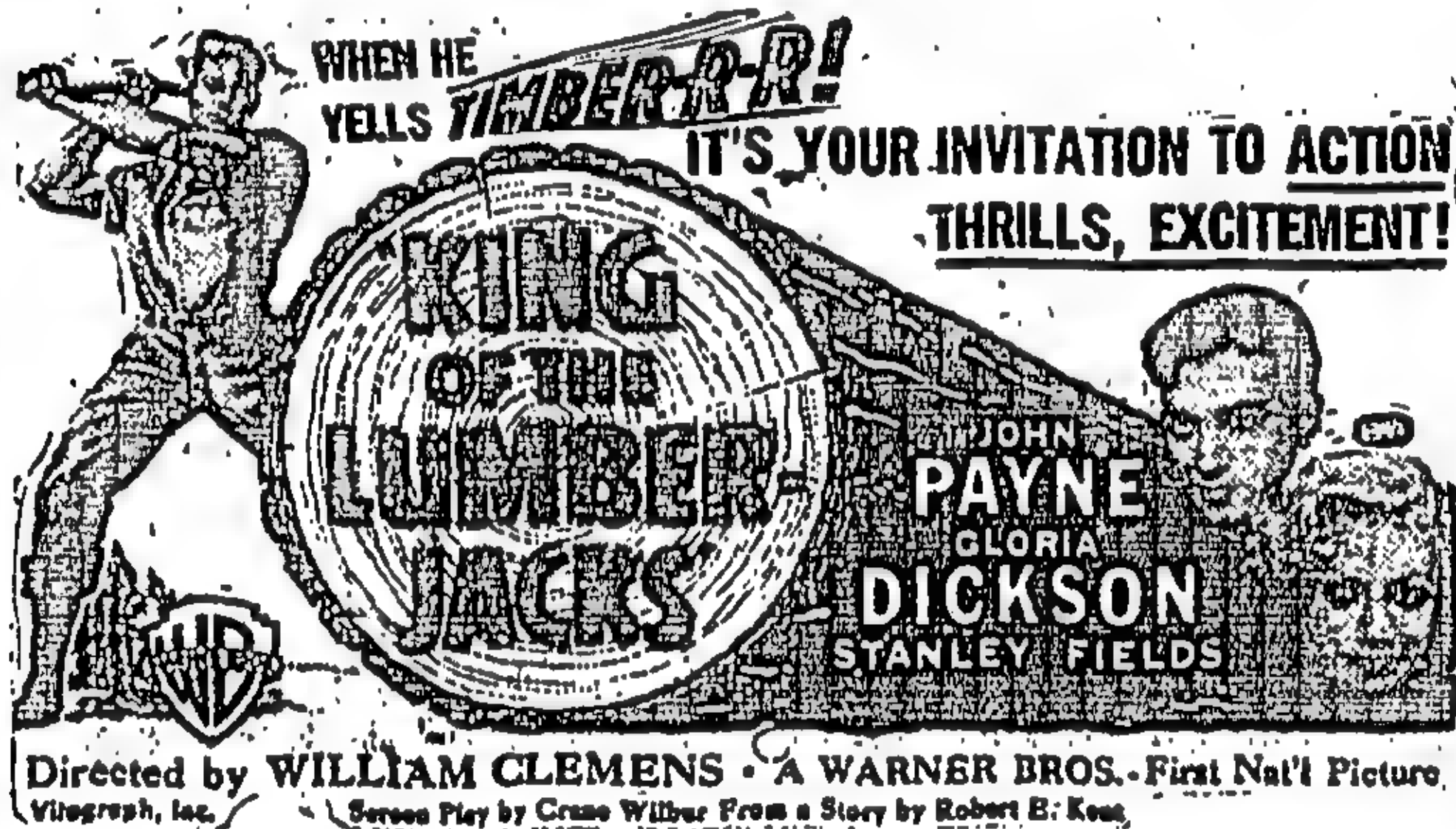
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America's Popular Ambassador Off To Washington

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, United States Ambassador in London, left England yesterday for Lisbon where he is taking the Clipper for New York.

In a farewell message just as he was leaving the Embassy in London, Mr. Kennedy said: "I would like to tell them over there how it is here. I have been through it all and have the greatest admiration for Londoners."

One of the Ambassador's last acts before leaving was to inspect a parade of the local mounted branch of the Home Guard in his country house where he was heartily cheered.

Another evidence that his admiration for the British is reciprocated is revealed in an article by the well-known political writer, Beverley Baxter.

The latter, commenting on Mr. Kennedy's work on behalf of Anglo-American friendship, says that when the Ambassador arrived with his charming wife and large family he captured the imagination of the British public.

Everything he said and did enhanced the affection of those of us who knew him and the esteem of the whole nation.

A Great Ambassador

After the war began and Mr. Kennedy went home he did not play the role we had, perhaps rather foolishly, expected. He steadfastly remained an American Ambassador instead of becoming a British one.

The result was that his popularity underwent a slump, but to his eternal credit he did not become embittered.

Now, for no other reason than true recognition of his character, his popularity has come back.

It has nothing to do with his family, his golf or his smile. It is more solid and enduring. He has earned the respect due to a great American Ambassador who never for a moment mistook the country to which he was accredited for the country of his birth. —Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY DEMANDS

A complete overhaul of the Australian war and home defence administrations and an increase in soldiers' pay are among demands being made by the official Labour Party.

They are contained in a letter handed to the Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, by Mr. Curtin, Labour Leader, at the conference of party managers yesterday which is discussing the proposal for a national government.

The conference held a secret session in the morning and there was another meeting later to Mr. Menzies' reply to Labour's demands. —Reuter.

KENYA SKIRMISH

A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST AN ENEMY POST NEAR THE KENYA FRONTIER WAS ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY.

The communique says one of our ground patrols attacked an enemy post at Dukana, near the Kenya border, 70 miles from Lake Rudolf.

The enemy withdrew, leaving five dead as well as camels and equipment. Our casualties were one killed and one wounded. —Reuter.

POLISH PATRIOT KILLED

Maciej Rataj, distinguished Polish political leader and patriot, has been killed by the Gestapo, according to Polish circles in London yesterday.

He is stated to have been murdered five months ago but the news has only just become known.

The official German version is that he died from heart failure but according to Polish circles in London he died after third degree torture.

For many years Rataj was Speaker of the Polish Parliament and leader of the biggest political party, the Radical Peasants Party. —Reuter.

ITALY DECLINES TO APOLOGISE

"In bombing oil properties on Bahrain Island, Italy was exercising the right of war."

This was the comment made in authorised Rome circles yesterday on the protest filed with the United States State Department by the California Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company against the alleged bombing of American-owned oil properties.

The Italian view is said to be that, firstly, Bahrain Island being

AUSTRALIA TO HAVE MIXED WAR COUNCIL

An important step for the realisation of party political unity in Australia for the prosecution of the war was made by the conference of party managers yesterday when they accepted the Labour Party proposal for the formation of an Australian War Council.

Labour members of the Council will comprise three from the official Labour Party and one from the Non-Communist Labour Party. The Council, over which the Premier will preside, will be established without delay.

The Premier revealed in a press interview that he had offered the combined Labour parties 40 per cent. of the portfolios in the National Government a week ago but this matter had not been discussed further. —Reuter.

Historic Decision

Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, stated that the decision to set up the Council was "a historic one and significant of the united determination of the Australian people and political parties to do their utmost in the war in which their very existence is at stake."

The Council will comprise four members representing the Government and four of the opposition. Its task will be to assist and advise in the Commonwealth's war effort.

The Labour Party has agreed to place the services of its individual members at the disposal of Ministers for the prosecution of the war. —Reuter.

a British protectorate, companies exploiting oil there are juridically British; and, secondly, "England, thanks to the treaty concluded with the local Emir, has political and economic supremacy on the island." —Reuter.

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MILITARY MISSION SCOUTED

There is no confirmation in Chungking of the report that Britain is sending a military mission to China.

Well-informed quarters are inclined to the belief that such a mission is not necessary at the present juncture, as they are convinced Japan is unlikely to take drastic action either against Britain or the United States in the near future in the Far East.

Chinese circles are of opinion that Japan will probably confine her activities at present to the aerial bombing of the Burma road and also to strengthening her position in Indo-China.

Despite Japanese threats they point out that for economic, if not for other reasons, Japan is not in a position to wage war in the Pacific against the United States or Britain.

A British military mission to China would be necessary in the

LIGHTS FOR LIFE JACKETS IN FUTURE

Replying to a parliamentary question yesterday the Minister of Shipping announced that life-jacket lights had been supplied to the crews of all merchant ships owned or managed by the Shipping Ministry. Mr. Cross added that the question of making such lights obligatory for merchant crews would depend upon experience as to the utility of those issued by the Ministry. — British Wireless.

event of a determined Japanese drive towards Burma for an attack on Singapore. — Reuter.

CUSTOMS BATTLE ON BORDER

An officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs was killed and two others wounded last night in a clash with a party of smugglers over the border near Sha-taukok.

The wounded men were conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital last night and their condition was reported to be favourable this morning.

While returning from patrol to the Customs station near Sha-taukok, the three Chinese officers observed a group of men and called on them to halt. Instead of obeying, one of the men fired and wounded the foremost officer in the right thigh.

The other two then opened fire and the smugglers replied with rifles and revolvers. As a result, Chinese officer Ho Yau was killed and the other wounded, just before the arrival offshore of a Chinese Customs launch which threw its searchlight on the area causing the smugglers to scatter.

KUNMING FEASTS

The first caravan of motor-trucks from the China-Burma border, following the re-opening of the highway last Friday, reached Kunming yesterday.

Last night there was feasting and celebrating in the city. The majority of the truck drivers were Chinese but a number were Indians and Burmans. The whole journey from the Burmese border was made without hitch in spite of the Japanese bombings.

Part of the caravan will leave Kunming to-day for points further in the interior, while some of the trucks will make a return trip to the Burma border. — Our Own Correspondent.

FOUR GIRLS ENTICED?

FOUR CHINESE GIRLS, BETWEEN 13 AND 15, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES YESTERDAY, TAKING THEIR PERSONAL CLOTHING AND MONEY BELONGING TO THEIR PARENTS WITH THEM.

It is believed that the girls were enticed away. One of them left a letter stating that she was going to Macao where a friend has found a job for her.

The girls left their homes at different times between 12 noon and 1 p.m. yesterday and were last seen leaving a beauty saloon where they had had their hair dressed. They were accompanied by a man.

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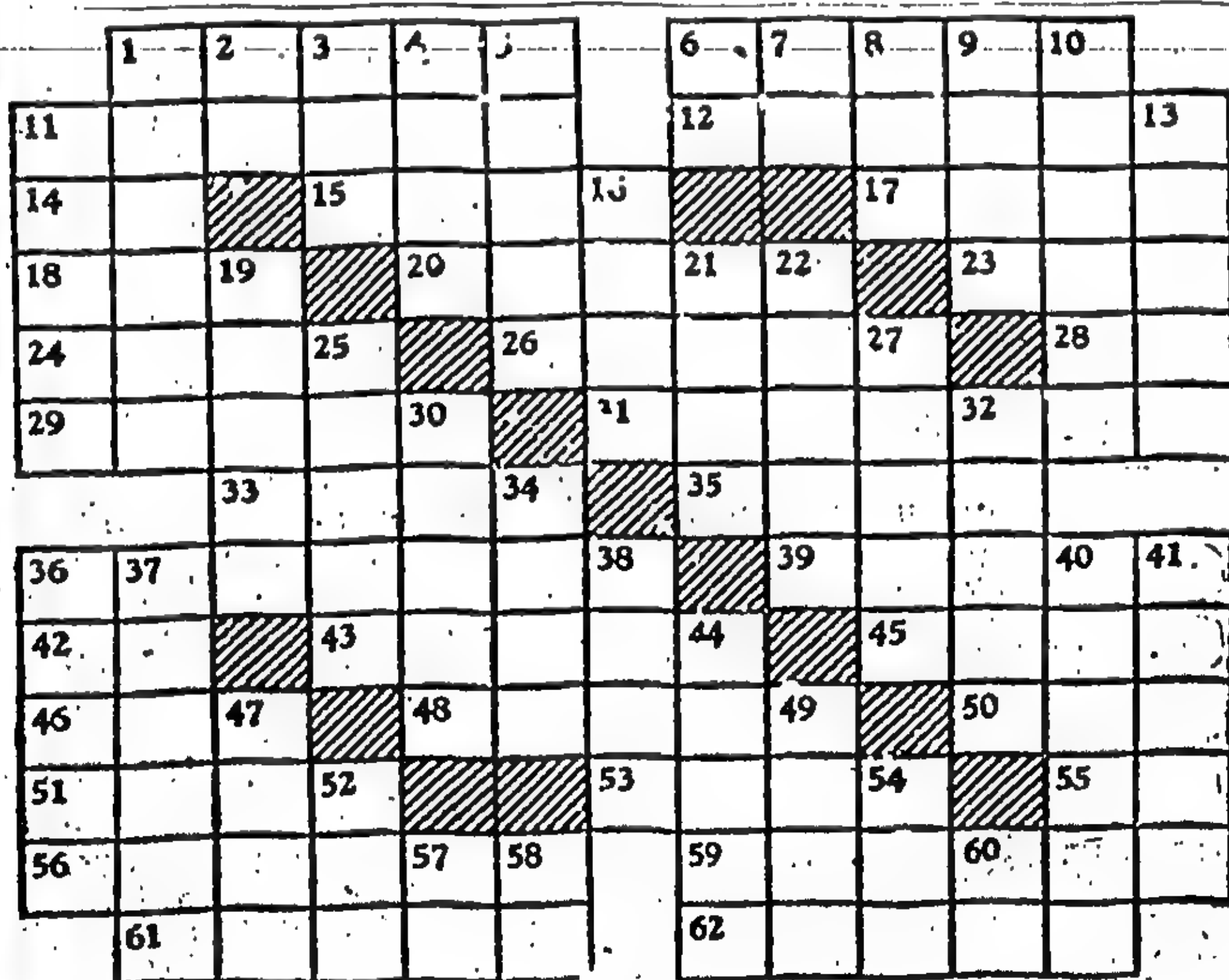
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- 18 Mischelvous child
- 20 Hebrew letter
- 23 High note
- 24 To jump
- 26 To frequent
- 28 Exists
- 29 Ancient chariot
- 31 To take back
- 33 South-African Dutch
- 35 Sly glance
- 36 Person qualified to vote
- 39 Nocturnal carnivore
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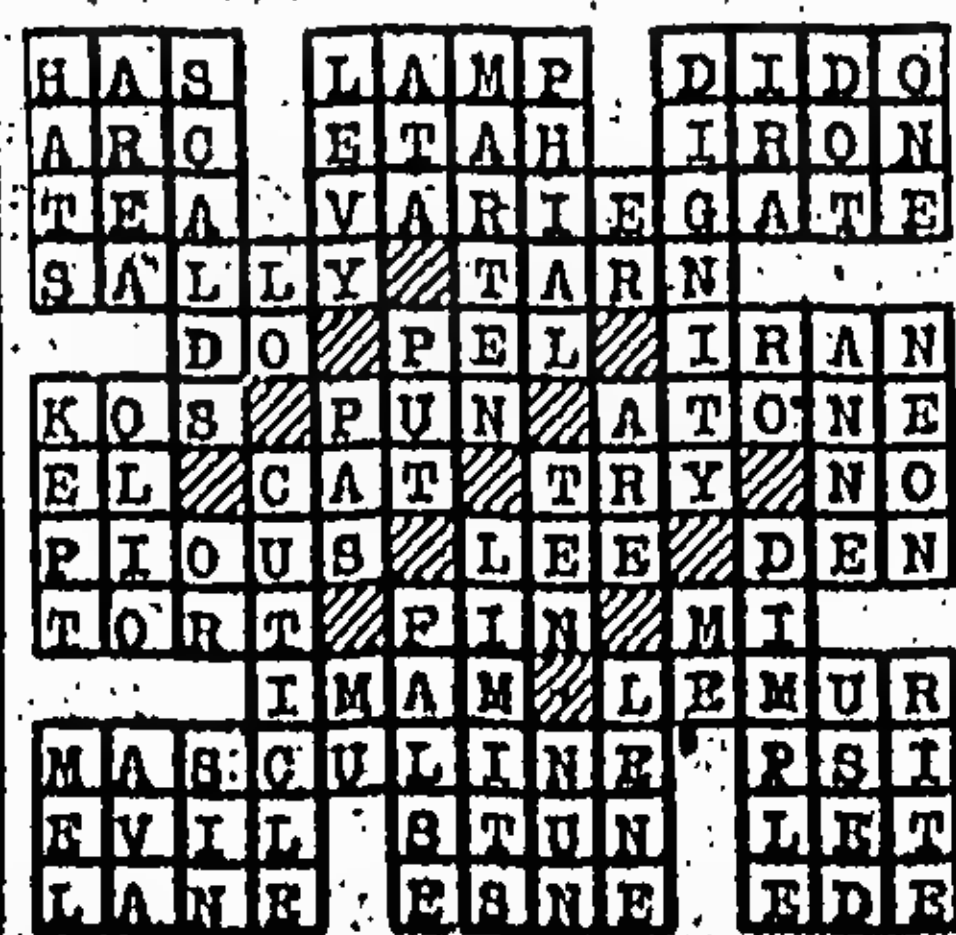
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- 1 Dwarfed goblins
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- 3 To smooth
- 4 To harass
- 5 To cut
- 6 Whether
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- 8 Language of Savage Islanders

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- 11 Feeble-minded
- 13 In the lowest degree
- 16 River in Germany
- 19 Sticky substance
- 21 Conflict
- 22 To penetrate
- 25 Edible drupe
- 27 To step
- 30 Tropical fruits
- 32 Workers' union
- 34 Tree-snake
- 36 To excite
- 37 To fix the position of
- 38 Roster
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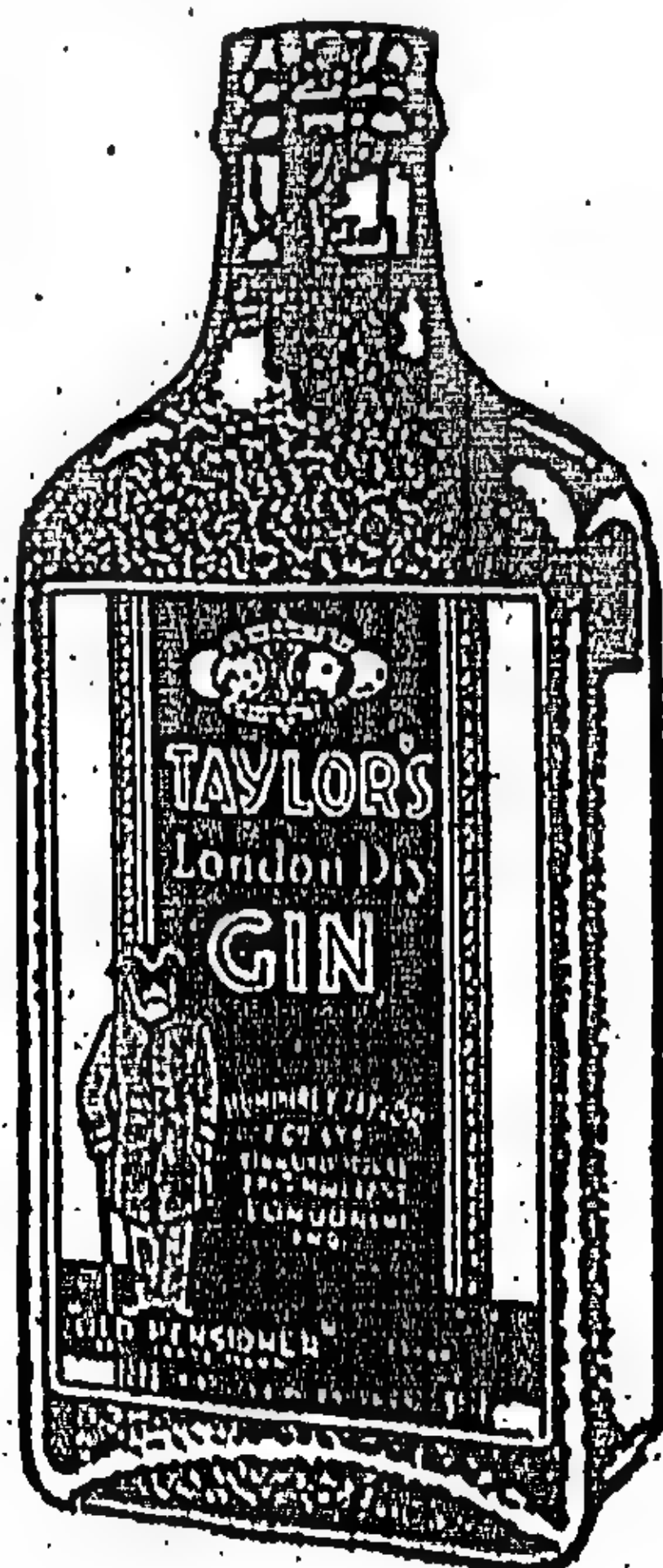
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OF IMPORTANCE as an event in itself and as indication of the inexhaustable resources of the British Commonwealth the conference which opens in New Delhi on Friday excites great interest.

Charged with the duty of ensuring the best possible use of resources and existing potential for purposes of war of all lands under the British flag in the Eastern Hemisphere, the Dominions of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa join hands with Asia.

Not only is two-thirds of the total area of the British Empire represented but Palestine, as a mandated territory, is included in this gathering which has a recorded population 365 million in Asia alone.

The great subcontinent of India, which before the war ranked tenth of the main industrial countries of the world, is already making vast contributions to the war effort. For some time not only has India been meeting all steel requirements of the Middle East, Uganda and Irak but is also supplying a considerable quantity to the U.K.

Main Object

With this as what might be described as the core of the supply organisation one main object of the conference is to arrange, equip and supply the Allied forces in the Middle East from "east of Suez".

The deliberations of the conference will be greatly assisted by the presence of a mission from the Ministry of Supply under Sir Alexander Roger.—British Wireless.

MURDER IN SQUATTER CAMP

THE POLICE "INVADED" THE GOVERNMENT'S SQUATTERS' CAMP AT JARDINE'S LOOK-OUT IN TAI HANG LAST NIGHT AND REMAINED THERE FOR OVER THREE HOURS FOLLOWING A FATAL ATTACK ON ONE OF THE INMATES.

The man was discovered lying in a pool of blood outside one of the huts. He was suffering from several dagger wounds in the head, chest and abdomen, and died shortly after midnight in the Queen Mary Hospital.

The police questioned the other inmates and scoured the neighbouring hillsides in a vain attempt to trace the attacker.

DEATH OF MR. A. B. STEWART

The death in London is announced, of Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Jardine, Matheson & Company, after a prolonged illness. He was 82 and leaves a widow and two children.

He was an outstanding golfer and won the Local and China championships during his 25 year stay in the Far East.

He came out from Scotland in 1910, spent five years with his firm in Tientsin before being transferred to the Colony, where he remained, but for one year in Shanghai, until 1935. He became a partner of the firm in that year, and looked after the interests of the firm in England until last year when he retired.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving eastward and pressure is now highest over the Sea of Japan. Pressure is relatively low over Tongking.

BRITAIN IMPRESSES AMERICA

Lord Lothian last night met British press representatives for the first time since his return to Britain and in the course of a statement to them said that the fortitude of the British people during bombing had made an indelible impression on the American people.

Three things have particularly impressed them:—the success of the R.A.F., the spectacle of Britain alone in Europe defying and stopping the march of that monster, and the picture of the British, and especially of Londoners, cheerfully determined not to give in.

America realised the importance to her own security of the British fleet.—British Wireless.

ALL READY FOR FORCED LANDINGS

Scores of emergency landing fields are to be seen along the Channel coast of France and Belgium, according to a neutral correspondent with the German Air Force, who made a four-days trip, by car and plane, conducted by the German High Command.

There were few signs of any expeditionary force which the Germans might be planning to launch against England. On three occasions, pieces of the biggest artillery were seen, but the only troop trains were going eastwards.

REFRESHMENT BARS IN SHELTERS?

AN ASSURANCE WAS given by the Minister of Food yesterday that as there would be ample liquid milk, the Ministry had no intention of introducing rationing.

Discussing the problem of providing food for people sleeping in air raid shelters, Lord Woolton said that Dr. Mallon, the Warden of Toynbee Hall, had gone into the Ministry to assist in this matter.

Already much had been done by such organisations as the Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., the Church Army and voluntary services, and feeding facilities now existed in 360 shelters in 29 metropolitan boroughs. In some hot food was provided and snacks and teas were available.

These shelters catered for about 120,000 people and soon the Tubes, under the London Transport Board, would probably be providing food for 200,000 persons who used their facilities.

In addition town clerks in the Greater London area had been asked to appeal to catering establishments to undertake the provision of food particularly in the larger shelters.

Refreshment Bars

In some of these it was hoped to provide caterers with help to fix up refreshment bars and at some of the smaller shelters and

CATHOLIC SISTERS' ESCAPE

Eighteen French sisters, serving in a Catholic hospital in Chengtu, the largest French institution in Chengtu, narrowly escaped death by assembling in a small church in the centre of the hospital when Japanese air bombs blasted both wings of the building. The sisters emerged later with Chinese nurses to aid in relief work after the Nippon air raiders roared away.—Associated Press.

MIDDLE TEMPLE WRECKED

Amongst buildings damaged by German bombs in the night search by Nazi pilots for "military targets" is the Hall of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

This ancient hall opened to Queen Elizabeth in 1576, is known by many throughout the Empire who have "eaten dinners" in on their journey towards the City to the Bar of England.

A heavy calibre bomb fell into the hall and a wall was blown out and falling debris damaged the wonderful screen which is a feature of the building. The valuable stained glass windows had been removed before the war.

Four hospitals, one a maternal institution were damaged in our recent raid.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE SHIP AGROUND

The Karachi Maru (5,880 tons) of the Yamamoto Steamship Co. ran aground early this morning 200 metres off Esudori beach, western Solor, in south Saghalien.

No damage was done to the vessel and the passengers are safe. It is reported.—Reuter.

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'DIVERSION' IN EGYPT

While Hitler moves gingerly in the Balkans, with his wariest eye on Russia, the Graziani forces show no sign of taking up the Egyptian invasion where it was left off more than a month ago.

It must, however, be regarded as a step which cannot long be delayed. The Suez Canal and the British naval base at Alexandria are the obvious objectives. Pro-British Turkey and Greece—the latter already an object of Il Duce's attentions—would be at Axis mercy should the British lose their grip in the Eastern Mediterranean. The attempted counter-blockade of Britain would be strengthened so that if the weather interfered with German aerial activity the odds through the winter would not be all in favour of Britain.

These factors, however, do not prevent the British government and military advisers from looking upon the Italian moves primarily as a diversion. General Wavell, in Cairo, seems to feel he can afford to risk some penetration by Italy in Egypt.

This attitude may be explained by the fact that Britain already has augmented her forces in Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean. When the real test comes, the Italians may find themselves fighting not only Britain but the Egyptians and having at the same time to keep intact long supply lines over deserts. It is not yet clear that the Egyptians will fight. But they have said they will if Egypt is attacked. The prayers for peace outlined by King Fuad, moreover, constitute an appeal not only to Allah but to the entire Mohammedan race to whom the theories of Nazism and Fascism are a menace.

Another reason why Britain does not permit herself to become excited over the Italian move in Egypt is that Italian fortunes, like those of the Nazis, cannot be won in Africa. They depend on the Battle of Britain. As the future of France, of Holland, Denmark, Norway, and indeed that of western civilisation, is contingent on the fight raging over the British Isles, so the future of Africa and Italy's place here now rests with the embattled population of a beleaguered island.



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The Conflict's Deeper Issues

THE longer the war lasts, the clearer become the issues at stake in it. Gradually the clouds vanish, and the mountain tops stand forth, terrible but majestic. Certainly there have been plenty of clouds. From 1918 to 1939 our mistakes were legion—only they never betrayed the world cause for which we are now fighting. Our treatment of Germany, at Versailles and after, was a foredoomed attempt at compromise between those (and they were mainly Frenchmen) who wished to handle her so severely that she could never threaten the peace of Europe again, and those (and they were mainly British) who wished to treat her so generously that she would soon become a friendly partner in a new Commonwealth of Nations.

It was this fundamental contradiction, together with the unexpected withdrawal of the United States, whose President had conceived and framed it, and its own failure to devise a formula for peaceful change, which ultimately wrecked the League of Nations. But to the last the British clung to their traditional and perhaps overreaching ideal of live and let live. Thus the meaning of the Munich Settlement in 1938, after which many critics in the United States derided us for our isolationism in declining to go to war to save a democracy with which we had no treaties of alliance, and with whose very name many British citizens had only recently become familiar, was that Mr. Neville Chamberlain still hoped for a future in which a strong Britain and a strong Germany could co-exist. Germany, it was assumed, having formally renounced further territorial demands in Europe, would pursue her remaining objectives peacefully. What finally forced all those who still clung to these hopes to abandon them was the renewed violence and treachery with which Germany seized the remnant of Czechoslovakia. A few years earlier there had been an influential body of opinion in Britain in favour of trying to meet German colonial claims. This Adolf Hitler had now effectually obliterated. How could one return backward races to the control of the regime of the Gestapo and concentration camps?

What is at stake, however, in this war is not the British Empire. Or, rather, it is much more than the British Empire. Nine months ago there were plenty of voices to be heard in the United States, and elsewhere, proclaiming that this was only an old-fashioned struggle between two greedy imperialisms, a war in which neither the stakes nor the result concerned anyone but the participants. That view, which even then sounded strangely on this side of the Atlantic, was partly accounted for by the fact that during the last decade, of the

Twenty-Two Years Armistice one of the principal invisible exports to the United States had been British lectures, who made it their business to decry and, indeed, to misrepresent, the British Commonwealth. These were mostly quite unrepresentative malcontents, many of them of alien origin, men whose forebears had played no part in the building of the Commonwealth.

Nevertheless, their self-imposed task was made easier by the good-natured ignorance which still persisted in the United States as to the very nature of the free

By
Lord Elton

association of nations within the British Commonwealth, in which every Dominion is as independent as the United States, and as free as Eire to decline to take part in the war, the whole composing the first successful experiment in international organisation on a world scale.

But partly also the tendency to see the struggle as a mere death-grapple of imperialisms is to be accounted for by the familiar instinct of the spectator to rationalise his natural reluctance to share other people's troubles.

In the same way, while we were deciding not to fight Germany over Czechoslovakia, we told ourselves that Czechoslovakians had always maltreated their German minority, and that, anyway, the whole country was an artificial product of the Treaty of Versailles.

With the spread of the law of the Gestapo across Western Europe, and the closing down of one free wireless station after another, the issue stands out starker. Stripped to the bones, that issue is: Shall Christian civilisation survive? And by that I mean not only the civilisation of Western Europe and the British Dominions but the civilisation of the United States, which grew up upon similar foundations during that century of peace when the British Navy enjoyed unchallenged supremacy, and which will be destroyed if that navy should disappear.

This civilisation is undoubtedly much else besides Christian. The Nazis are right in calling it a plutocracy. In varying degrees the civilisation of all the threatened countries is stamped

with the faults of democracy, which are many, and the faults of plutocracy, which are more. In the fullest sense no one of them can claim to be considered Christian at all. In spite of which they still represent those limits which centuries of Christian civilisation had imposed upon the primitive instincts of violence, now revived by the drive for power of the totalitarian states.

It was Christianity, after all, which first taught mankind the equal and eternal value of every human being, which infinitely transcends all the power and glory of the world. And it is ultimately upon that foundation that the Rule of Law has been established, the principle that is no longer recognised outside the democracies to-day, that men and women are men and women and not mechanical slaves of the State, and that no citizen shall be imprisoned or punished without trial by the mere wish of a tyrant; the principle that, provided he observes the law, he cannot be haled away by any OGPU or Gestapo to an unknown fate—and consequently that, in the words of the old English boast, his "home is his castle," sheltered in which the upbringing of his children is still the concern of their parents even more than of the State.

There are other characteristics, of course, of life in a society which has not abjured its original Christian principles—kindness to the weak, for example, is not ridiculed as decadence, nor the interest of the State held to be the only moral standard—but all, perhaps, are involved in that one fundamental distinction, the recognition of the ultimate and diverse significance of every human personality.

It is the tragedy of to-day that all these principles are still believed in, as President Roosevelt said in another connection, by 90 per cent of humanity. And yet the Gestapo continues to extend its sway. It is the tragedy of to-day that, despite all they shared in common, and now see overshadowed by the same menace, both Britain and America lacked statesmen with the vision to guide their peoples toward a world Commonwealth, a unity based upon common language, interest, and tradition, and strong enough to maintain the peace of the world against any challenge, whether from West or East. It is the tragedy of to-day that democracy, after democracy has hoped to shelter behind the sacrifices of the latest victim of totalitarian aggression, so that the leaders

of each have told their peoples "the storm will blow itself out before it reaches us," and that it has even been the democracies which have armed their would-be murderers, the French Comité des Forges, providing Germany and Italy with their coal, and the United States providing Japan with its oil.

All the remaining legatees of Christian civilisation, it must be admitted, have, in varying degrees, abjured their old principles. Thus in Britain we are entitled, I think, to claim that the nation still lives by Christian standards. It is improbable, for example, that British sailors or airmen, even if ordered to do so, would machine-gun women and children in a lifeboat. It would not occur to them that such conduct would be inconsistent with the teaching of the New Testament; they would probably merely say that it would be "a dirty trick." The fact remains that the standards are still there. What is more doubtful is how far the original Christian belief from which these standards once sprang still fully survives.

What an old theologian would have called "works" are there. Whether, after an impartial examination of, let us say, our educational system, we can claim that what he would have called "faith" is still fully alive is another matter. And will the moral standards, which are the legacy of Christian teaching, survive if the Christian faith itself is in decay? Can virtuous agnosticism be more than an intermediate phase?

Already in the democracies a determined onslaught has been made by a small but vocal minority of the intelligentsia, not so much against Christian dogma as against Christian morality. Some of the most conspicuous British exponents of this new paganism, young men of military age, are now in the United States for the duration.

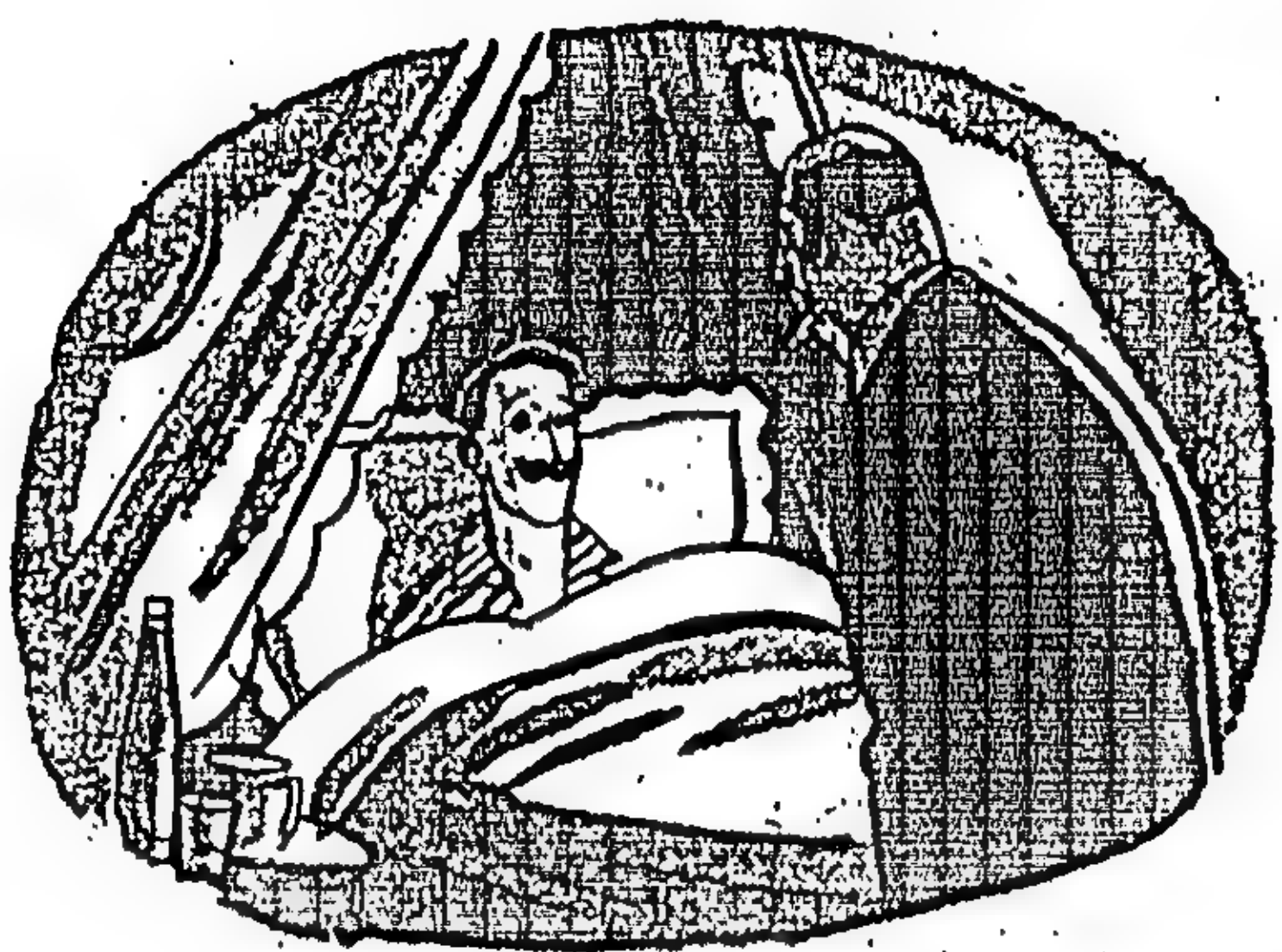
In Britain, however, we are now being offered a supreme opportunity—supreme both in the sense that it is the last and in the sense that it is the greatest. We stand alone as the last bulwark of the Christian tradition, which has been built with infinite patience by many different schools and peoples down the centuries; we stand unsupported by any other, unconquered nation, save in so far as the right (theoretically shared by Germany) to purchase American goods in the open market may be counted as support. We face a Prussia which was late and imperfectly converted to the Christian faith, a Prussia from which the old gods were never completely exorcised, a Prussia which for centuries has been built by war and for war as no State ever was before. The tremendous question, is not only, can we conquer Prussia, but can we conquer ourselves? Can we achieve regeneration through suffering?

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"So that's why I'm still alive and kicking? Well, well, one lives and learns. Go and boil the kettle for my bath. I don't want to miss my breakfast."

WOMAN ACQUITTED IN FORGED NOTES TRIAL

AFTER RETIRING for 45 minutes the jury empaneled in a case at the Criminal Sessions this morning against Wong Wun-man, a young woman charged with possession of 200 forged \$10 notes purporting to be issued by the Chartered Bank, knowing them to be forgeries, returned a verdict of "Guilty" of possession and "Not Guilty" of knowledge.

Mr. Justice Williams had to explain that there was only one charge, that accused had possession of the notes with the knowledge that they were forgeries.

The jury retired for another 15 minutes and returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" by 5 to 2. In discharging accused, Mr. Justice Williams told her she could consider herself very lucky.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Sub-Inspector Goodwin, was for the prosecution, and the following composed the jury:—Messrs. A. Howarth (foreman), F. A. Hall, D. W. Hardwick, To Shing-sheung, Yau Cheung-lai, Ng Kam-man and Lee Kuang-cho.

Messrs. J. G. Rocha, Charles Tetzl and Tso Yin-kin, all employed at various banks, were called but were told to stand down by the Judge, who said that as the case concerned forged banknotes, in fairness to accused they should not serve.

Crown Case

Mr. Reynolds for the Crown, said that on September 10, Yeung Shing-sheung, a revenue officer, was on duty at the Wing Lok Wharf for the purpose of preventing tobacco smuggling. The s.s. Chung Shan had arrived from Macao. At about 10.45 a.m., he saw the woman walking from

the ship towards the entrance of the wharf. When she saw him, she hesitated, stopped, and attempted to return to the ship. Yeung stopped her and questioned her. Her answers did not satisfy him so he took her to the Import and Export office where he handed her over to Mr. Grimmit. A female searcher was sent for. In the folds of her trousers were found two parcels wrapped in newspaper. The parcels were each found to contain a hundred \$10 notes of the Chartered Bank. They were found to be forgeries.

On September 11, accused, formally charged, said a friend had asked her to carry the parcels.

Ho Wing-shui, a shroff in the cash department of the Chartered Bank said the forgeries were not good ones.

Woman's Story

In the witness box, accused said that she was given the parcels to carry by someone on board. She did not know that they contained notes. She was led to believe that the parcels contained tobacco and she was given a dollar to carry them. She knew carrying tobacco was an offence, but not so serious as forged banknotes. The man who gave her the parcels was arrested on the steamer. When arrested, he admitted having given her the parcels. She was surprised he was not in court.

Cross-examined by Mr. Reynolds, accused said that the man who gave her the parcels was a coolie. She was supposed to take the parcels to the Wing On Boarding house and there the person who gave her the parcels was to receive them. He went ashore first.

The steamer arrived at about 7 a.m. that morning and she had gone home and returned. She had been to Macao to see a friend.

Another Case

Ho Wai-chun, also a woman, was charged before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams with uttering a forged banknote and with possession of a forged \$10 bank note, knowing same to be forged.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, was for the prosecution. The jury was composed of Messrs. U. M. Omar (foreman), Ko Yau-kong, Nam Fook, Ho Yuen-po, Mak Siu-wha, Fook Ngan and Louie Fook-hing.

Mr. Reynolds said that on August 28, at about 10 a.m., accused went to the Kwong Sang Tong drug store, No. 1020, Canton Road and purchased \$1.00 worth of medicine for which she tendered a \$10 note. The money was put in a locked drawer and in the evening the owner found that the note was a forgery. It was the only \$10 note in the day's takings. On the following day, accused again visited the store and bought 40 cents of medicine for which she again tendered a \$10 note. Change was given and the note was again found to be a forgery by the owner in the evening.

On September 3, at about 7.30 a.m., accused again arrived to purchase medicine. She gave a \$10 note. The folks had been warned to look out for forged notes and one told her to wait while he went out on the pretext of getting change.

He went for his master. Accused, in the meantime, wanted to leave the shop but was persuaded by the other folks not to do so.

Accused was later taken to the Police station.

In answer to the charge, accused said: "I did not know they were forgeries."

The case is proceeding.

R.A.F. 'PLANE SCORES DIRECT HIT

An enemy merchant vessel of nearly 2,000 tons was successfully bombed three miles off the Hook of Holland by an R.A.F. 'plane yesterday afternoon.

After sighting the enemy vessel the British bomber dived through the clouds and dropped a stick of high explosive bombs from a height of 900 feet, scoring a direct hit on the bow of the vessel, announces the Air Ministry.—Reuter.

STORMS LASH P.A.A. BASES

A series of exceptionally severe storms has been lashing the Pan American mid-Pacific bases at Wake and Midway Islands.

The "Honolulu Clipper," Hong Kong-bound, has been forced to remain in Honolulu and will not be arriving in Hong Kong until Monday, October 28.

Wake Island experienced a particularly severe storm and was out of touch with the world for forty-eight hours. However, assurances were then received that damage to buildings was slight.

Midway Island is now experiencing a storm of lesser intensity but which is causing heavy seas.

SURPRISING REPORT FROM HANOI

French quarters said in Hanoi that arrangements have been made for special trains to transport the Japanese troops who fought their way across the northern border of this colony last Sept. 22, through Tonkin to Haiphong where they are expected to embark aboard transports and leave Indo-China.

It is estimated that these troops total 10,000. Their departure will leave in French territory between 6,000 and 7,000 Nippon soldiers and an unlimited number of warplanes as provided in the Franco-Japanese Hanoi agreement of Sept. 22. — Associated Press.

HARBOUR DEFENCE OFFENCE

For failing to pass through the gap south-west of the boom at Lyceum Pass, when entering the harbour yesterday, the master of a junk was fined \$10 or 10 days by Commander G. F. Hole, in the Marine Court this morning.

WEYGAND AT FEZ

General Weygand flew to Fez on Monday to review the troops of the local garrison, stated the Vichy radio yesterday.—Reuter.

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AXIS SEEKING TO BRING FRANCE INTO THE WAR

Impending Visit Of Von Ribbentrop To Vichy

Rejection By Petain Predicted

REPORTS ARE LINKING together rumours of an impending visit by Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, to Vichy and that M. Laval, Vichy Vice-Premier, is in Paris negotiating on a proposal for reaching a definite armistice with the Axis.

According to American correspondents, M. Laval's proposal is that France should give up Alsace-Lorraine, Nice, Tunis and Djibouti.

The Axis would undertake not to steal anything else if Vichy declared war on Britain.

There are German-inspired suggestions that negotiations have reached a point where Ribbentrop's visit to Vichy might clinch them.

The German press, for the past two weeks, has refrained from saying anything derogatory about France.

According to these American correspondents, it is agreed that Marshal Petain would reject any such proposal and it is believed that Laval himself doubts if the French army, navy and air force would fight Great Britain. Other reports indicate that the French people hold this view.

For instance, in Paris, the police have found 18 centres for the secret printing and distribution of pamphlets, and 615 people have been arrested. — Reuter.

French Socialists Issue Manifesto

"THE SOCIALISTS OF FRANCE ARE CONVINCED THAT ENGLAND FIGHTS ALONE TO DEFEND THE FREEDOM OF THE ENTIRE WORLD AGAINST THE MONSTROUS ATTEMPT TO ENSLAVE IT MADE BY HITLER AND MUSSOLINI.

"They salute with admiration the resistance of the British people and are convinced that in this they are at one with almost the entire French population."

This declaration is made in a manifesto recently drawn up in unoccupied French territory by members of the French Socialist Party and which has just reached London. — Reuter.

Berlin Comment On Churchill Broadcast

Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast to France was described in political circles in Berlin yesterday as "an attempt to enlist the French people once more as an ally," according to the official German news agency.

It is further described as "another proof of the hopeless position of Britain who, without chance of escape, is moving towards her destruction." — Reuter.

DEATH OF MR. SZE-TO CHUNG

A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

He was Corps Superintendent Sze-to Chung, aged 52, who had been associated with the Corps for 17 years.

Mr. Sze-to, who is survived by his widow, father, two sons and several daughters, occupied the post of Assistant Secretary of the Hong Kong Club.

The funeral procession will leave Queen Mary Hospital at 4 p.m. to-day for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam.

ANTI-AXIS MOVEMENT IN FRANCE

The anti-Axis movement in unoccupied France is described by a writer in the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

The writer is anonymous, but is said to be a well-known politician, not a Swiss, who has spent the last few months in Vichy.

The anti-British feeling which followed the collapse of France and the incidents at Oran and Dakar, he says, has been replaced by a growing sympathy as British resistance continues. For a long time, the French people could not understand why their countrymen bearing a white flag were fired on at Dakar.

They now believe that the order to fire was given by the Germans.

While Marshal Petain is anxious to check any anti-British feeling, the writer says, he is opposed by Laval and Baudouin, who are staking everything on the Nazi cards. — Reuter.

NO GENERAL EXODUS OF BRITONS IN EAST EXPECTED

THE NEWS THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE ADVISING BRITONS WHO HAVE NO SPECIAL REASON FOR STAYING IN JAPANESE-OCCUPIED AREAS IN CHINA TO LEAVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED CALMLY IN SHANGHAI.

No general exodus is expected unless more definite instructions are forthcoming.

Only about 90 Americans in the Tientsin area have indicated their wish to evacuate within the next few months, it is learned from official American sources in Shanghai.

There are about 700 United States nationals resident in the Tientsin area.

London's view is that those Britons who can should leave both China and Japan.

"While Going Is Good"

Any British subjects in Japan whose duties do not entail their staying would obviously be well

NO MAGINOT COMPLEX IN BRITISH ARMY

"The war can never be won without a military decision, in east or west or on both fronts. That is why we are building up a great army," said Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, speaking in London yesterday.

"It must be an army of superior efficiency. If the army is a happy family there will be no Maginot complex." — Reuter.

BROADCAST NOT PRINTED IN FRANCE

Mr. Churchill's broadcast to the French people has not yet been released by the Vichy Government for publication in unoccupied France.

The only comment is from a Vichy Foreign Office spokesman, who said it was interesting to note how Mr. Churchill tried to throw the responsibility for the war on to the Germans.

The American press widely praises the speech. The "New York Times" says it was "a call of a free man to his comrades in prison" and a most effective argument for his silent supporters in France.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that the note of confidence in Mr. Churchill's speech was stronger than in any of his earlier calls to arms. — Reuter.

NOTHING IMPORTANT TO REPORT

"Nothing important to report in Egypt, the Sudan and Palestine," said yesterday's Cairo communique. The communique adds that one of our patrols successfully attacked the enemy at Dukan, Kenya. The enemy withdrew, leaving five killed as well as equipment and camels. — Reuter.

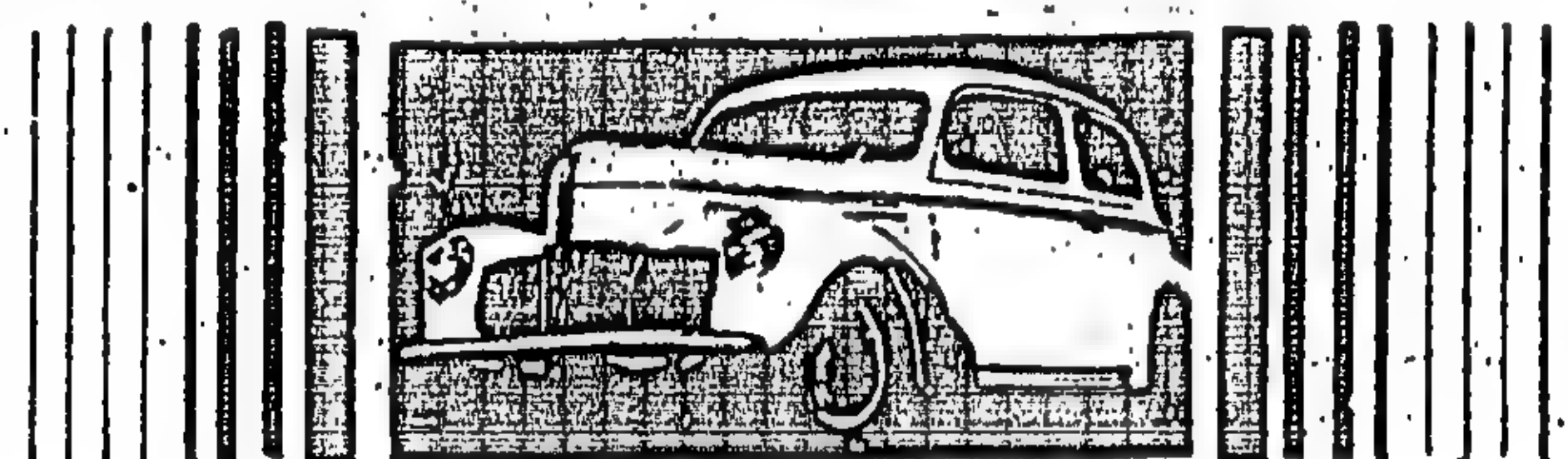
HARBOUR RESCUE

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 24th October, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong 21st. October, 1940.

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BRIDGE NOVELS

(By The Four Aces)

BRIDGE SWINDLES NO. 10

Most Bridge swindles are missed simply because the average player doesn't think of looking for them. But we think that most players would miss the swindle in to-day's hand even if told who has to make the play and when it must be made:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
♠ A K 6
♥ K Q J
♦ A 9 5
♣ A Q J 6
♠ 7 3
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 10 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 7 4
N
W
E
S
♠ 9 5 2
♥ A 10 5 3
♦ K Q 2
♣ K 5 3
♠ Q J 10 8 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ 9 2

The bidding:

North East South West
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass

West opened the nine of hearts, and East won with the Ace. At this point East must execute the swindle. Can you see it before reading on?

Before we give you the play, let's do a little analysis. East can see that the defence is limited to one heart, one club, and one diamond.

trick. The contract will be defeated, therefore, only if two diamonds can be taken from South. Furthermore, a diamond must be led at once to prevent South from getting discards on dummy's clubs.

But East must not lead the King or Queen of diamonds — he must lead the diamond deuce! And here is the reason. No diamond will succeed if South has both the Jack and ten of diamonds. No diamond will lose if West has the Jack of diamonds. But it is fatal to lead the King of diamonds if South has the Jack and West the ten of the suit. For to lead the King of diamonds allows South to win in the dummy and use the Jack to win the third round of the suit.

But note what happens when East leads the diamond deuce. South naturally expects to find either the King or Queen in the West hand, and therefore plays a low diamond instead of putting up his Jack. West's ten then forces out dummy's Ace, and East cashes his King and Queen of diamonds whenever he gets in with the club King.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstones partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 5 3
♥ 8 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q 7 4 3

The bidding:
Maler Burnstone Schenken You
1♥ Dbl. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. The hand is not quite strong enough for a jump response of two spades.

Score 100% for one spade; 20% for two spades.

QUESTION NO. 545

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 3
♥ 8 4
♦ K J 4
♣ Q J 4 3

The bidding:
Maler Jacoby Burnstone You
1♥ Dbl. Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)



The gay young blade says the one thing he's sure he will escape is social bankruptcy.

PLAGUE RAVAGING HSINKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF HSINKING IS NOW WEARING THE NOSE AND MOUTH MASKS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITIES AS A FORM OF PROTECTION AGAINST THE BUBONIC PLAGUE WHICH IS RAVAGING THE CITY.

Tea-rooms, hotels, business firms and Government offices provide facilities for disinfection to people entering the premises. The Yamato Hotel is refusing entrance to anyone without a certificate of inoculation against the disease.

Cinemas, dance halls and other places of entertainment still remain closed. — Havas.

CUT IN ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The supply of electric power in Japan will be curtailed 10 or 15 per cent, according to the "Nichi-Nichi".

The present shortage of coal is acute. The Japan electric power company uses 14,000 tons of coal a day and receives only 12,000 and is therefore obliged to use reserve stocks.

Restrictions are to be imposed early in November. — Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lectures on the Chinese language and literature, interrupted by the fighting in France, will be resumed shortly at the University of Lyons. — Havas.

VOLUNTEERS LEAVE SHANGHAI

The number of volunteers to leave Shanghai to join His Majesty's fighting forces continued to increase as another batch of six Britons left the city recently.

Some forty persons, relatives and friends, gathered at the jetty on the French Bund to see the men off. The volunteers were S. J. Wyatt, E. A. Cooke, A. G. Clarke, G. Skidelsky, W. C. Yates and W. A. Welch.

This is the fourth contingent of Britons to leave the city in the past two months and another batch is expected to depart some time during the next week. Among those who were at the jetty to wish the volunteers good luck, were Assistant Commissioners E. C. Baker and A. H. Samson of the Shanghai Municipal Police, and Lieutenants C. E. Ollerdesen and E. Powell of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The departure of the six recruits had a funny side, too, as some friends of a volunteer brought him a bottle of whisky. Unfortunately, the friends came too late and the steamer was already pulling out. Undaunted, they tried to throw the bottle to one of the stewards on the boat, but were stopped from doing so by a Russian watchman. The volunteer left without his whisky, while the men kept waving to him with the bottle.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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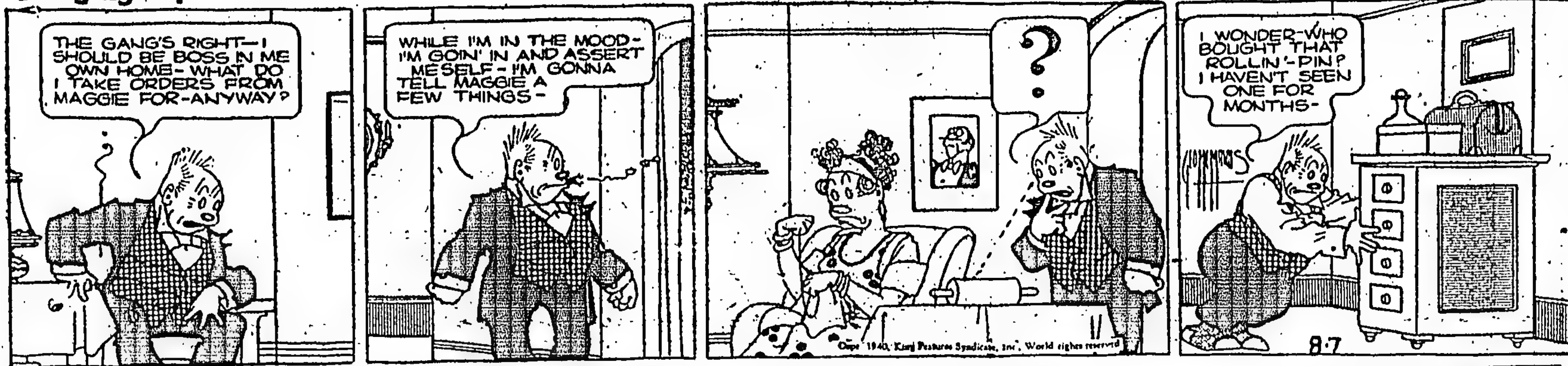
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Foot And Leg Beauty

Many older women are inclined to be sensitive about the shape of their legs and they attempt to cover them by too long dresses or to camouflage them by wearing gray or black stockings! When they do this they are acting like the ostrich who buries its head in the sand when it does not wish to be seen—for too long skirts and oddly coloured hose attracts attention to a woman's legs instead of making them less conspicuous!

A woman's legs shape with the growth of her body, so there is no need whatever to want to hide them. If your waistline thickens, your hips broaden and you put on weight as the years mount, it is quite natural that your legs will lose their youthful shape, but they shape in proportion to the rest of you. Don't do the obvious and wear skirts too long to be smart, in an attempt to conceal them.

No matter what your age you will find the tan hose more flattering to your legs and more appropriate for your clothes. Shades range from the lightest of beige for day and evening, down to rich ambers, and surely on that scale there is one shade which will meet your conservative approval. No matter how thick your ankles or how heavy your legs, the tan hose are definitely more flattering than gray or black or brown.

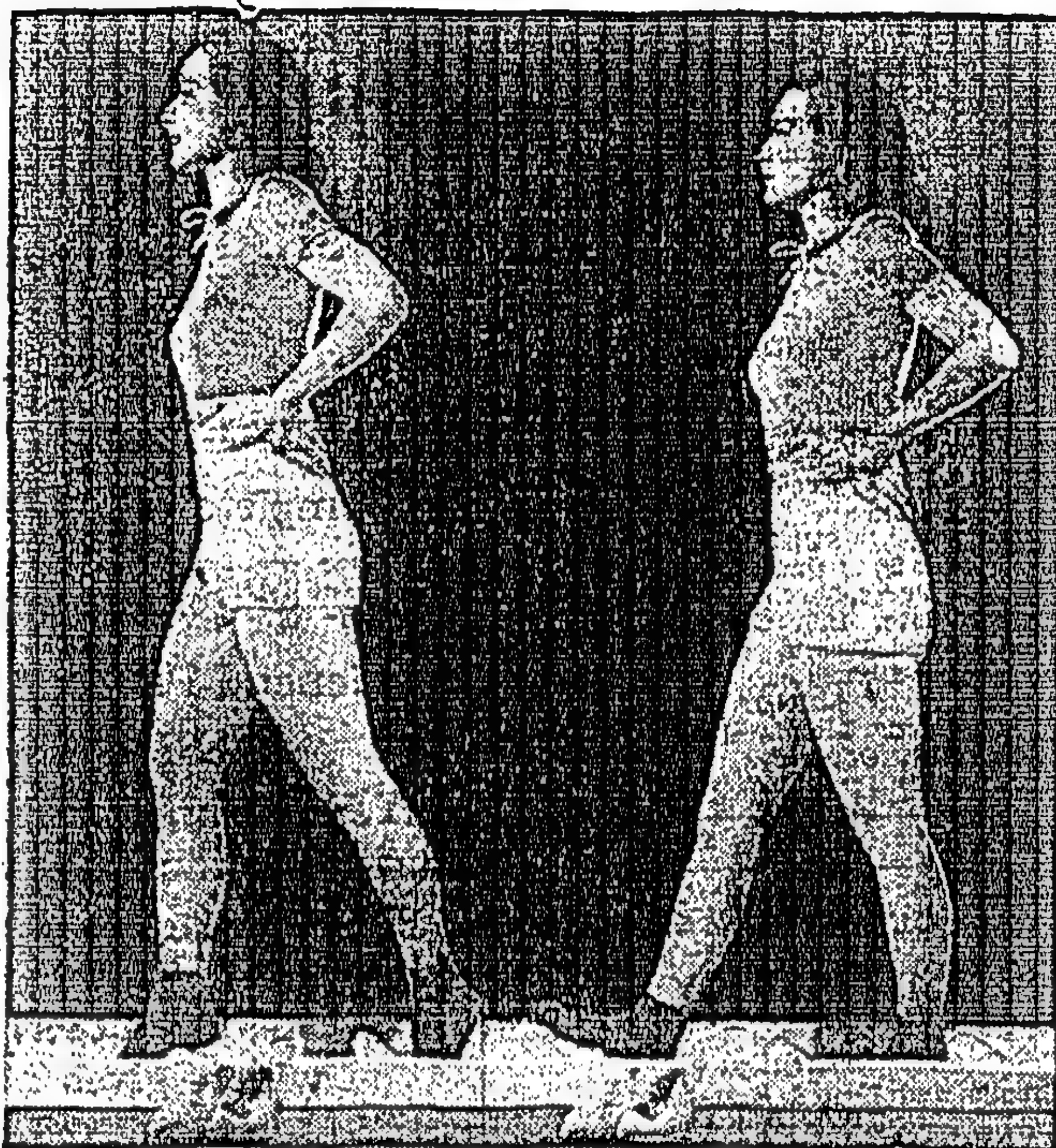
Be Current

And don't frown upon depilatories even though they were not in vogue when you were young. A cream depilatory is very simple to use and it removes hair from your legs leaving them smooth and looking inches slimmer. If you do not like to take the time for a depilatory, wash your legs thoroughly with soapsuds and shave the hair with a steady hand and a safety razor while they are still wet. Or have another do it for you. Many believe, however, that constant use of a prepared depilatory discourages the growth of hair. And some feel that shaving coarsens the hair. Neither belief can be proven.

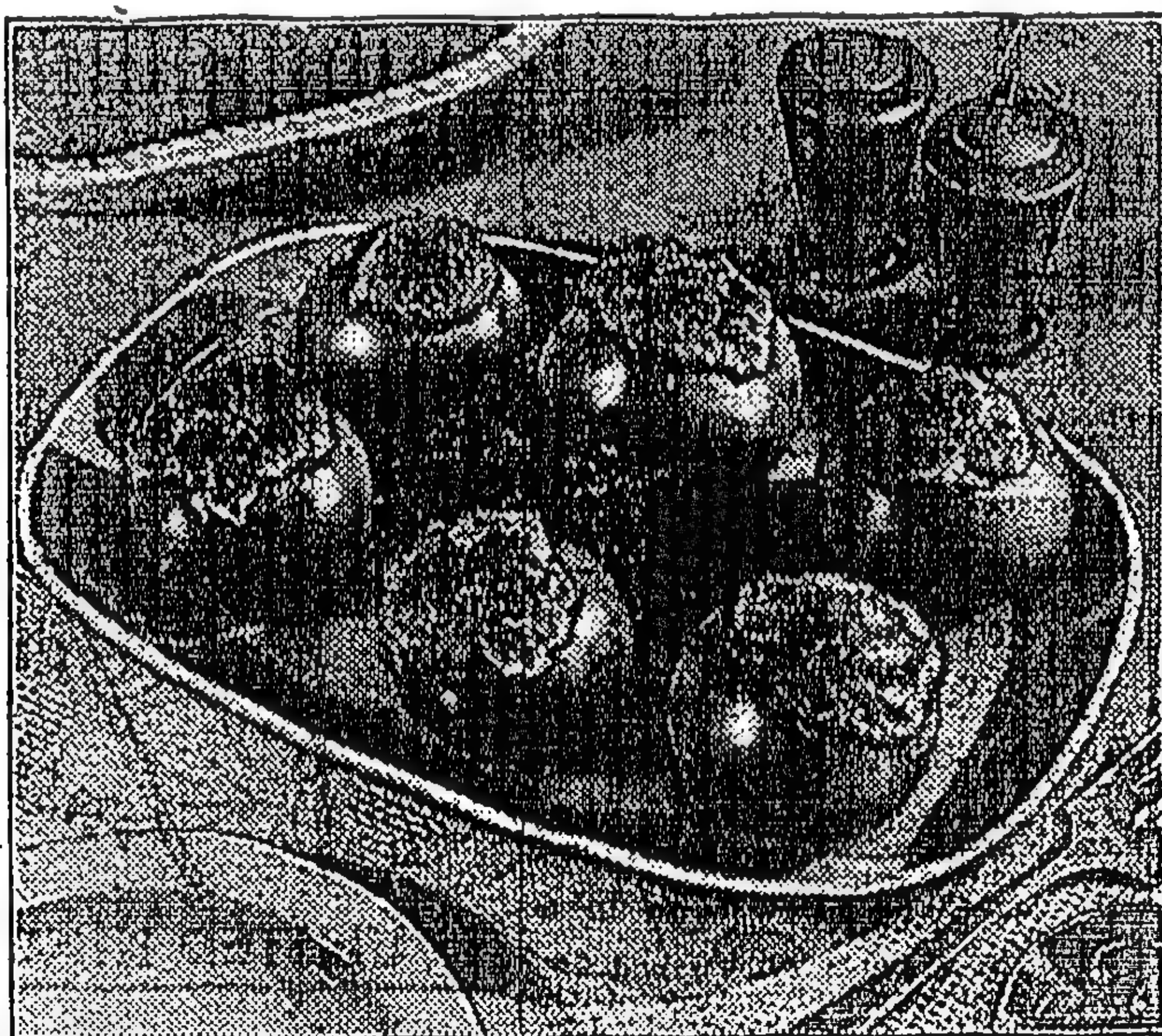
Your Shoes

As feet age they need more support and greater comfort so fancy shoes are not for older women. Cut out sandals are fine for beach wear, but they are not strong enough for walking. Your day-time shoes should be a nicely designed oxford, or a pump which is built up over the instep for comfort and support. The heel should definitely be medium or low — no woman looks well in high heels (unless she is unusually petite) if her walk has stiffened a bit and if her figure has grown heavier. In fact, most women, old or young have better posture and more graceful carriage when they wear a heel of sensible height and many are discovering this fact. Hence the popularity for "flaties" and lower heeled shoes.

Preserve the health of your feet around the house too — don't wear an old shoe which has lost its usefulness. And under no circumstances go about in bedroom slippers! Whenever you are walking or standing on your feet you need firm support from the shoes you are wearing. Poorly cared for feet cause fatigue and rob your face of beauty which should be there!



Practice this on a small step ladder. Rise on ball of left foot, throwing weight forward on right foot which you allow to slide over the rung. Take other steps in this manner. It strengthens your feet.

TOMATOES.
stuffed and baked whole

says Dorothy Greig

NO vegetable appears on the table in more variety than the tomato. As tomato soup it starts dinner or lunch. As tall glasses of tomato juice it brings us our vitamin C for breakfast, and serves as appetizer at other meals. Stewed, it comes to the table as a hot vegetable. Raw, we enjoy it in salads.

So there is nothing startlingly novel about the idea of stuffed, baked tomatoes. But the way I fix them they do taste so good! The rice stuffing is blended through and through with mushroom flavor. These tomatoes are delicious with meat loaf. Indeed, you can bake both at the same time in the oven. I like them, too, as a main dish for a light luncheon or supper.

The stuffing is made this way:

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 or 3 tablespoons buttered bread crumbs
- 5 or 6 whole tomatoes

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well. Then add the cooked rice and the centers from the tomatoes, chopped and then drained. Stuff the toma-

atoes with this mixture, cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake in a moderately hot (375°) oven for 25-35 minutes.

To prepare the tomatoes: Slice off stem end of tomato, scoop out the center, sprinkle with salt and pepper and let stand 30 minutes. Drain well before filling with the rice and mushroom mixture. Serves 4-6.

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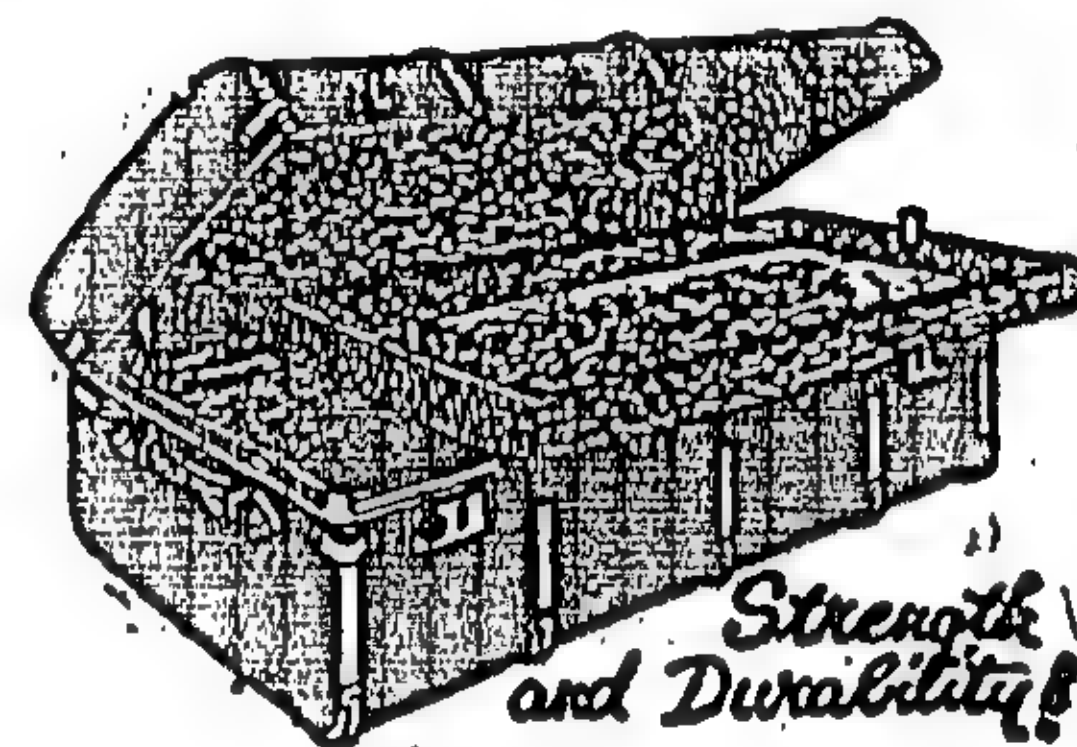
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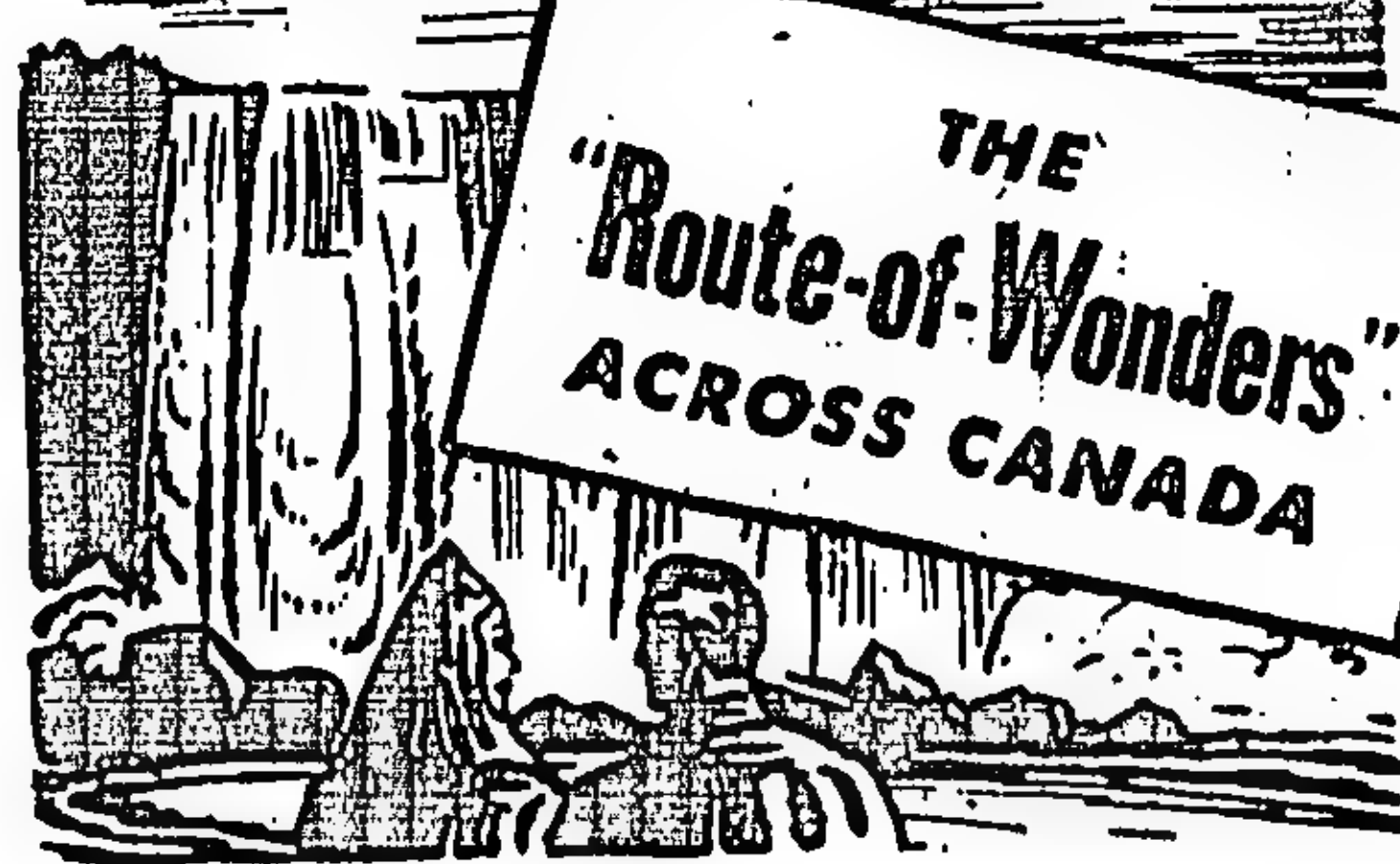
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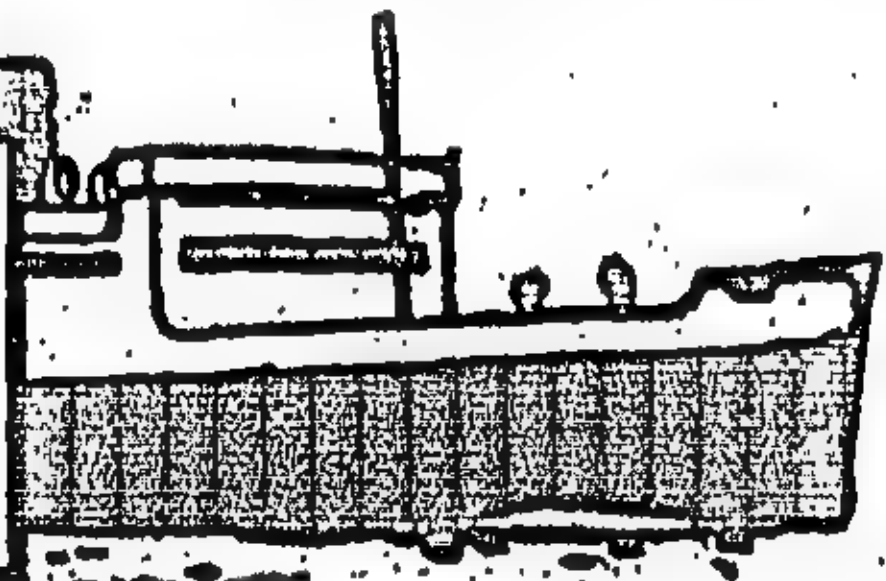
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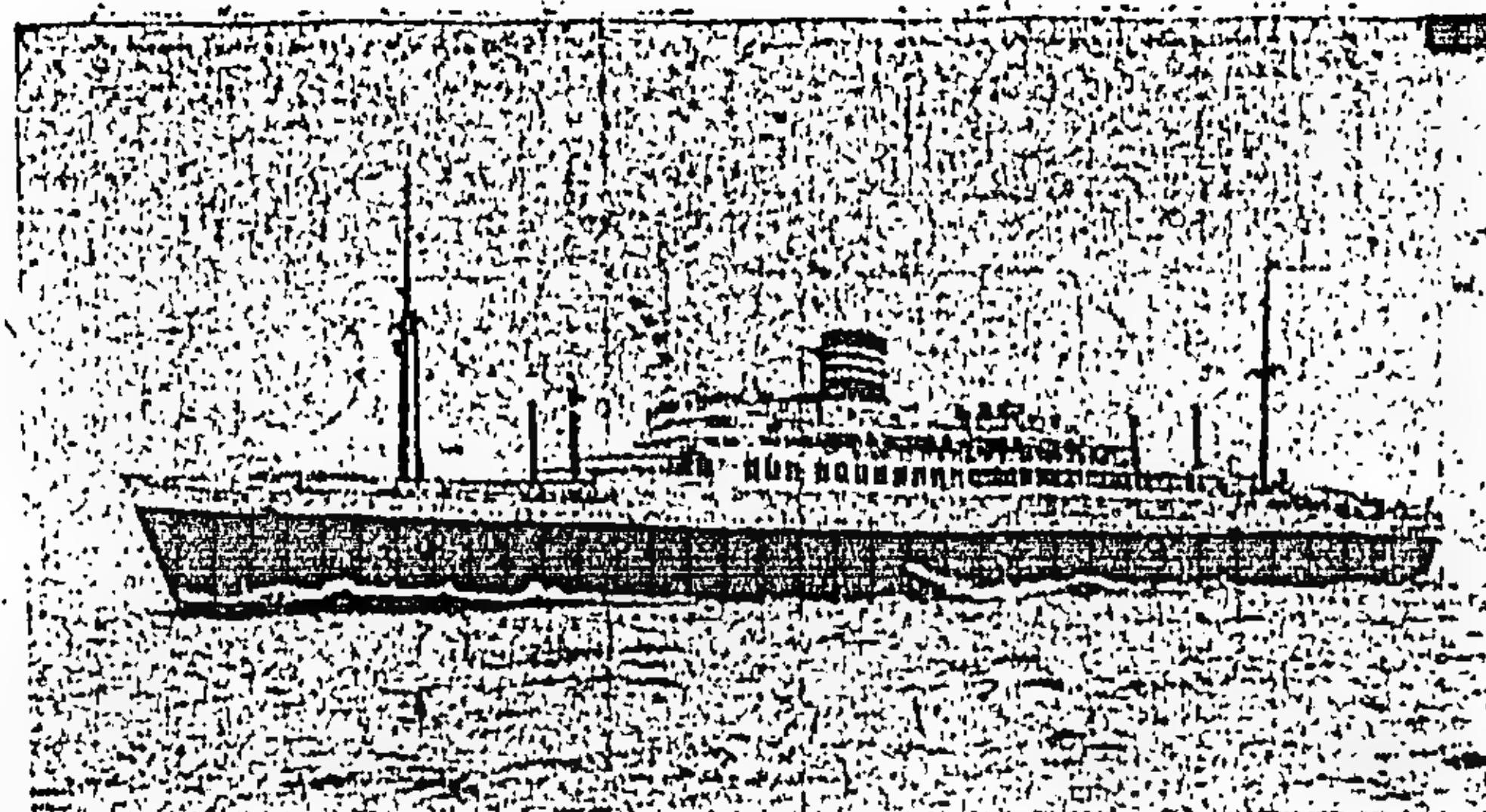
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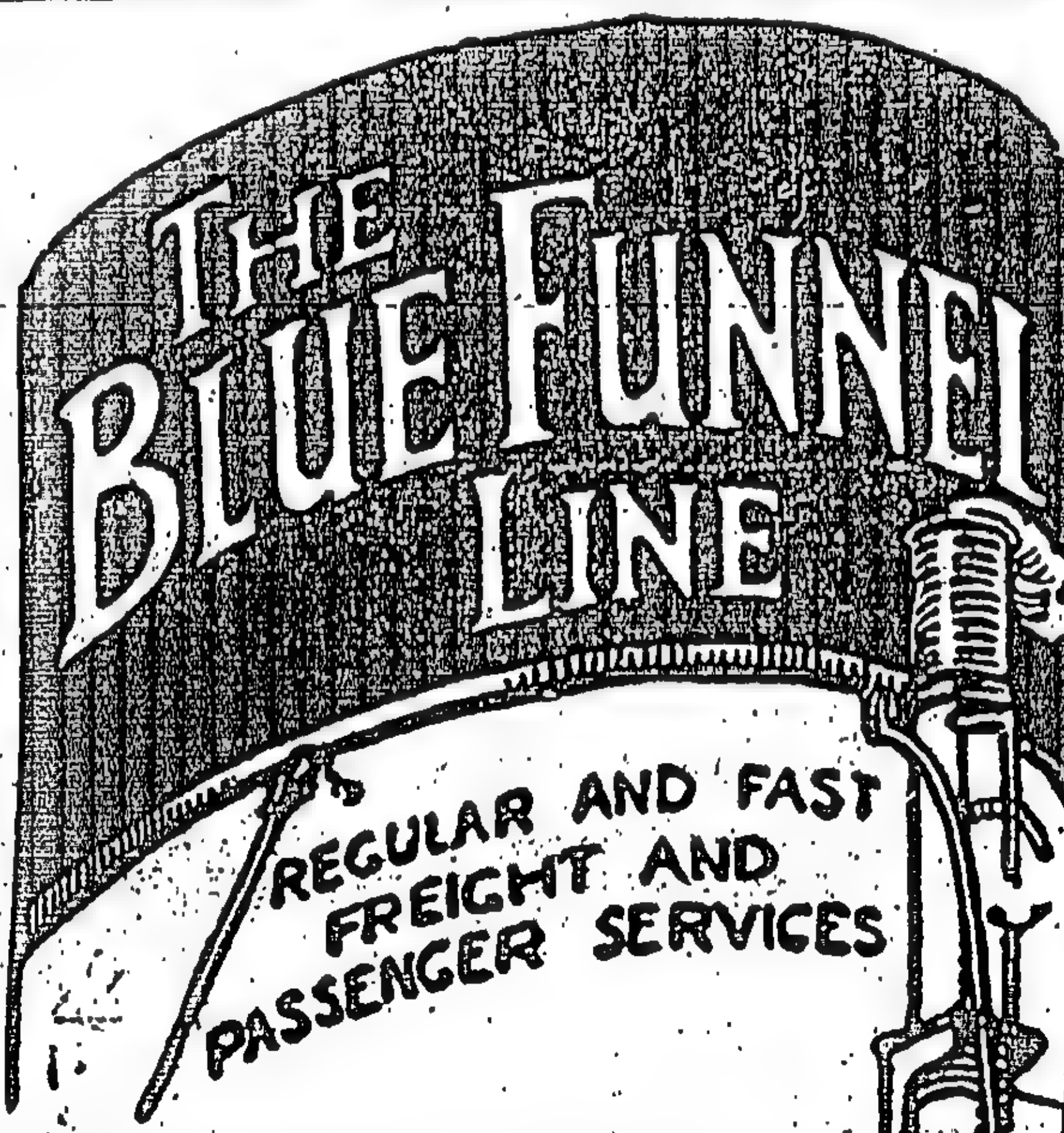
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For keeping an unregistered factory at No. 170-2, Nan Chang Street, the manager of Chee Shing Dieing Company, was fined \$50 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

A similar fine was imposed on the manager of Sun Sun Cotton Wool Factory in Kowloon City for a similar offence.

Mr. Drown, Assistant Inspector of Factories and Works, said the factory was engaged in making surgical cotton. Because it was situated in an insanitary district, registration would have been rejected had accused made an application.

The manager of Man Chung Metal Ware Company, of No. 201, Tai Nam Street, was fined \$30 for keeping an unregistered factory.

STORY OF A BICYCLE

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon his morning on Leung Ki, 20, unemployed, for stealing a bicycle.

It was said that Lui Siu-chun, 16, accused's girl friend, hired the bicycle from No. 152, Yee Kuk Street on Monday.

The girl handed over the bicycle to accused, who sold it for \$8 and instructed her not to say anything. She was, however, seen by the shop folk in the street yesterday and was arrested.

Through the girl, the police traced accused and later recovered the bicycle.

PREMIUMS OF STOCK INSURANCE

It was disclosed in the Commons yesterday that net premiums received up to October 19 under compulsory stock insurance amount to £41,404,502. — British Wireless.

CIVILIAN DEFENCE MEDALS

John German, a part-time Bolton air raid warden who, although wounded in an air raid, struggled to his post and collapsed but got his message through, has been awarded the George Medal, it was announced in the "London Gazette" last night.

The George Medal is also awarded to a Birmingham auxiliary fireman and to members of the Bristol and Cardiff fire brigades and auxiliary fire services and to the chief officer of the Milford Haven fire brigade, and the Medal of the Order of the British Empire to a Bristol auxiliary fireman and a member of the Newport fire brigade.

All these awards are in recognition of gallant conduct during very serious fires started by hostile air attack. While it was being fought there were further air raids, day and night, and the firemen were machine-gunned as well as bombed. — Reuter.

CHEUNGSHAWAN SHOOTING

While pursuing three armed men in Cheungshawan at 5 a.m. this morning, a Chinese was shot at and wounded. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. Two of the men were arrested.

SYRENS TO SOUND

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that all air raid sirens in Hong Kong and on the mainland, will be tested between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Thursday.

MANSLAUGHTER SENTENCE

AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, SENTENCED CHUI LOI, INSPECTOR AT NEEDLE HILL MINES, TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR THE MANSLAUGHTER OF CHEUNG HOI ON AUGUST 16.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty by 5 to 2.

Deceased had an enlarged spleen, four or five times the normal size, but his Lordship said that he proposed to impose twice the ordinary sentence for a case of this kind in view of the circumstances of the case.

He was unable to accede to Mr. Macnamara's plea for a fine.

GENEROUS DECISION

SIR.—The C. M. S. Hospital at Kunming—perhaps the best equipped in the district—was destroyed in an air-raid on Saturday. In view of the urgent need for setting up emergency units to deal with the casualties, the Medical Superintendent and Committee of the Netherlands Hospital wish to relinquish the share due to them of the collection and gifts taken at the St. John's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, so that the whole amount may be sent to Kunming. I think those who gave on Hospital Sunday should know of this generous decision.

Your Etc.,
A. P. ROSE.

EASIER TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Trading was slow on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and although there was a general easier disposition there were no signs of selling pressure throughout the session. Home rails, however, again moved against the general trend due to further provincial buying interest. Wall Street was narrowly irregular. — Reuter.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-day and to-morrow on the "Y" ground, both matches starting at 5 p.m. sharp.

TO-DAY

2nd XI v St. Andrew's Fellowship: Fishlock; Heptonstall and Ralton; Smits, Gilchrist and Gorman; Banks, Grant, McGahan, Ireson and Bevan.

TO-MORROW

"A" XI v H.K. University: Benwell; Jordan and Saxby; Coombe and Waldron; Macey, Ure, Pennington, Dunne and Highlands.

CLUB HELD BY SAPPERS

After a scoreless first half, the Hong Kong Hockey Club shared two goals with the Royal Engineers in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon. Shaw scored for the Engineers and Fowler for the Club.

ECONOMIC PEACE AFTER WAR

The Minister of Economic Warfare, answering a question in Parliament yesterday whether he would consider approaching the Governments of the Dominions, U.S.A. and the South American Republics with a view to forming a price equalisation corporation to buy up surplus raw materials on world markets and to unload them gradually after the war, in order to prevent violent post-war slumps, said the Government in the United Kingdom was already in touch with the Governments of the Dominions and U.S.A. regarding the problem of surpluses both of raw materials and foodstuffs.

A further important mission headed by Lord Willingdon was shortly proceeding to discuss with the Governments of South American Republics various commercial questions of common concern.

On August 20 the Prime Minister stated the Government would do their best to encourage the building up of reserves of food all over the world for relief of the countries of Europe once these had been wholly cleared of German forces and had genuinely regained their freedom. — British Wireless.

THIRD GIFT

The Trinidad "Win the War" Association has sent a third instalment of £1,000 to the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund. — British Wireless.

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SOFTBALL LEAGUE OPENS IN BRILLIANT SUNSHINE

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Good Game Between H.K. Baseballers And St. Joseph's

By "Grandstand"

UNDER BRILLIANT sunshine, the Softball League had an auspicious opening when Major Manners, President of Kowloon Football Club, tossed the first ball in the Cardinals-Wildcats tilt. Lopsided scores featured most of the games, and all but one of the fixtures were played off. The arranged programme of 13 games was rather ambitious, with the result that most of the games had to be called after only five innings of play.

In contrast to the well-supervised games at Chatham Road, much dissatisfaction has been voiced by the Junior teams playing at Prince Edward Road, where there was no recorder, and especially in the South China-C.B.A. game, in which the score was entirely lost track off, and, had it not been for the great difference in the scores, a most unpleasant argument might have taken place; the umpiring also left much to be desired.

In the opener, the Wildcats trounced the Cardinals to the tune of 26 to 8 runs. Efigenia Babida working on the slab for the Bed-birds was nicked for 17 blows, but even then the tide of Wildcat runs could have been stemmed but for poor support from the rest of the team, short-stop Fitzgerald committing no less than five bobbles. Irene Pereira, former Recreio Ramblerette, filling the left-field berth for the Wildcats, clouted the first homer of the season on Babida's first offering. Lily Mar and Gloria Mar also accounted for roundtrippers for the Wildcats, whilst Babida retaliated for the Cardinals. Marina Lavadia was good for a triple but was run down when attempting to stretch it into a four-bagger.

Wahoos Walk Away

In the second tussle, the Wahoos walked away with a 29-3 verdict over the Chung Hwa rookies, no less than 25 markers being made on 7 blows and 18 walks, which constitutes a new high for free passes in two innings of play. After the damage was done Frances "Zaza" Lee was yanked in favour of Ella Chinn, who held the Green Shirted Owls to only four runs in the next three innings.

Jeannette Yolle pitched her first League game and came out with a fair amount of success, limiting the Chung Hwa femmes to only four scratch singles, and passing only one.

Jackie Anderson in her first catching assignment only allowed one stolen base—which is something in the Ladies League—and nabbed two would-be base pilferers. The Panther Kittens over-ran

the Florinbas by 31-3 in a four-inning game. Lily Xavier, pitching for the Pantherettes, limited the Little Flowers to only three runs, the first one being made when Lilian Forster drew a pass, stole second and third and romped home on a passed ball. Sequeira and Hilda Antonio crossed the plate in the fourth for two more markers.

At King's Park, the Canuckettes inflicted a severe 20 to 6 defeat on the much weakened Ramblerettes, Ulian Koo and Jean Lee, both banging in a four-bagger apiece.

Canucks Massacred

In the first of the men's senior circuit, the Recreio Aces massacred the Canucks by 22 to 2, in what will probably be the season's greatest shellacking in this loop.

For three innings hurler Herbie Quon, reputed wizard of the whiff, couldn't put them over—when they didn't hit the dirt, they threatened to go over the fence—and when they were good they had nothing but his fingerprints and a prayer on them—and Herbie forgot to pray!

After three hectic innings, the Canucks went into scull sessions, and decided to toss them over trusting to fielding, but in that they were disappointed for the Aces blasted Herbie's easy floaters all over the place. Bertie Gosano, Gerry Gosano and hurler Johnnie Alvares clouting in round-trippers. The Canucks were held scoreless for six innings, although they had a chance when Delgado singled but was nabbed at second. Johnny Delgado couldn't have pilfered a sack even if the ground-keeper had left it out overnight.

The Hong Kong Baseballers-St. Joseph clash at Chatham Road was the most interesting. The Saints opened up in the initial frame when their big guns barked six times to net them seven tallies, and added another four in the fifth on five-blows. The Baseballers were retired in one, two, three order for the first three frames, and chalked up the first run in the fourth on "Ozo" Ozorio's fumble. In the fifth Jordan Morris doubled to score Johnson, and Waller. In the Baseballers' last time at bat pitcher Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves passed one and was blasted all over the park when he tried to be too careful. Aided by two costly errors, the Baseballers connected three times to start a late rally which was short-lived. Kent fled out to end the game. Powlawski, baseball marvel, patrolled the right garden for the Saints and was good for two safeties in his two trips to the plate, whilst Henry "Showboat" Ali and "Ozo" Ozorio both averaged 750 in four trips. No less than 12 Baseballers fled out.

Explosive Moments

The game was not without its explosive moments, when some scatter-brained diamond lawyers made Chief Umpire Nick Beltrac the target of abuse for his verdict in calling Ed Jones out for illegal batting.

The Cyclones had things their own way in a 16-6 verdict over the Filipinos. Flaxy (Drumsticks) Pineda tossed for the Cyclones and scored in the first frame, after overcoming assorted obstacles of bats, gloves, players and scorers, squatting along the third base line. Bakar and Rum-

GRAPHIC GOLF



SNEAD AGAIN COMES CLOSE

By BEST BALL

Once again Sam Snead's luck ran out before he could annex the 1940 P. G. A. Championship and so the tradition of being a hard luck player is carried on for another year. Back in 1938, Snead was having a banner year. It was his first year in big time golf and with no worry over his swing or the outcome of his matches, he won tournaments right and left, amassing some \$20,000 in prizes. Golf fans everywhere predicted both the National Open and P. G. A. titles for the smooth swinging Virginian but the titles never materialised.

Sam has come close, near enough to blow four chances at these titles away at the last moment. Perhaps the biggest factor he will have to contend with in the future now is the mental hazard these defeats bring on. For Snead has one of the sweetest swings from tee to green in golf and if he can get the right mental slant for these events next year, he will be the biggest worry the rest of the pros will have to contend with.

NEXT ARTICLE:—
How Stance Varies.

jahn copped batting honours by homering. Amper, who was selected to pitch for the All-Hong Kong team against the American girls, when they were here, assumed mound duties for the Filipinos, but was hit too often.

Sherry Bux and Barney Abbas played well in the infield. In the Junior loop at Prince Edward Road, Liga Portuguesa registered the only shut-out of the week-end at the expense of the Royal Artillery, whilst the Cosmos just managed to beat the Royal Scots by 19-18. South China humbled Central British by 15-8 and Royal Air Force nosed out the Royal Engineers by the odd run in 23.

After leading 9-8 at the end of the sixth in the V.R.C.-Recreio clash, the Victorians were robbed of victory when the Bees blasted in five runs in the last inning to clinch the game. The V.R.C. squad fielded all their reserves and had the score-keeper going haywire in trying to keep track of the score.

Georgie Gutierrez, hurled for the Bees, but was blasted out of the box after only two and one-third innings. With the sacks, bawled, Charlie Quinn clouted a three-bagger for Gutierrez to be yanked in favour of Wilfred Lawrence. Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto pitched for the Victorians, but did not show his former sparkle.

The Indian Softball Club-Chinese Baseballers senior League game was postponed on account of falling light.

The meeting at Newmarket on October 14 and 17, including the Cambridgehire and substitute St. Leger Stakes, has been cancelled. It was announced in London recently.

VOLUNTEER ROWING REGATTA

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is to hold an Inter-Unit Regatta on Dec. 21.

A meeting held yesterday, at which Lieut.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell presided, was attended by representatives of 3rd Battery, No. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 Machine Gun Companies, the Mobile Machine Gun Company and the Field Ambulance.

A sum of \$5 will be charged for each team. The money collected will be donated to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund.

The Rowing Committee formed yesterday was as follows:—

Chairman, Capt. J. G. B. Dewar; Hon. Sec. G. L. Eastgate; Hon. Treas., F. M. Thompson, Lt. J. M. M. Alves and T. Swan.

INTERNATIONAL SHIELD COMPETITION

Second Round matches in the Gutierrez International Shield competition will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Craigengower, not at 3.30 p.m. as previously reported. The draw is:—

England v Wales
Ireland v Switzerland
Scotland v India
Philippines v Australia

Semi-final matches will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club on the following day, also commencing at 3 p.m. sharp. The draw is:—

England or Wales v Philippines or Australia
Ireland or Scotland or Switzerland v India

H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams will represent H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI (v K.C.C. at K.C.C.)—Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, R.N., J. H. Fox, Major D. C. E. Grose, H. Owen Hughes, J. L. Ilsey, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce and R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd XI (v Police R.C. at H.K.C.C.)—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brigadier T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and I. P. Tamworth.

WHY SWIMMING INTERPORT WAS CANCELLED

The trip of Manila swimmers to Hong Kong has been cancelled because of a new order received recently from the State Department at Washington restricting travel by American and Filipino women and children within the western hemisphere, said last Friday's issue of the "Manila Bulletin."

Since unnecessary travel by men is also restricted and the Hong Kong trip is classified as such, no passports could be issued for the members of the Manila swimming delegation.

Upon being advised of the new ruling, the P.A.F. yesterday cabled Hong Kong swimming officials, definitely cancelling the Manila-Hong Kong Interport meet, scheduled in Hong Kong for Oct. 23, 24 and 25. The Manila swimming delegation of 20 members, 12 men swimmers, six women tankers and two coaches, was to sail on the s.s. Kamu Maru tomorrow for Hong Kong.

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over until tomorrow.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Following is the Softball programme for Sunday:

GIRLS

Cardinals v Wahoos (9.30 a.m.)
Chung Hwa v Ramblerettes (11 a.m.)
Canuckettes v Little Flower (12.30 p.m.)

MEN'S

First Division
Canucks (2.00 p.m.) v Cyclones
Filipinos (3.15 p.m.) v Indians
Chinese Baseball Club (4.30 p.m.) v St. Joseph's
Second Division
Liga (2.00 p.m.) v V.R.C.
Cosmopolitan (10.00 a.m.) v Recreio Bees
Engineers (3.15 p.m.) v South China
Royal Artillery (4.30 p.m.) v Royal Scots

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Cables (9.30 a.m.) v Shell
Bank (10.45 a.m.) v Texaco

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS AUCTIONED

First batch of Australian Griffins imported for the 1941 racing season was put up for sale by auction yesterday.

The sale resulted as follows:—

No. 1 Chestnut mare by Bravia out of Little Ina, five years, 14.3 hands—\$1,850; No. 5 Bay mare by Balmerino out of Pholoco, five years, 14.3 hands—withdrawn; No. 9 Bay gelding by Double Court out of Army Lass, four years, 14.3 hands—\$2,500; No. 14 Chestnut mare by Woorak out of Carolist, six years, 14.3 hands—\$1,450; No. 18 Bay mare by Double Court out of Royal Ruby, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,900; No. 24 Bay gelding by Weatherwise out of Unnamed mare by Finmark, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,250; No. 29 Chestnut mare by Dignus out of Lady Meca, five years, 14.2 hands—\$1,800; No. 34 Bay mare by Silverado out of Llangida, four years, 14.3 hands—\$3,600; No. 39 Brown mare by Pentheus out of Royal Glory, six years, 14.3 hands—\$1,750; No. 44 Bay mare by Rubus out of Boonahwah, six years, 14.3 hands—not offered on veterinary advice; No. 48 Chestnut mare by Colugo out of Cooma Maid, four years, 14.3 hands—\$1,550. Purchasers' Names Not Divulged.

The names of the purchasers were not divulged as it was a private sale among members only.

TODAY'S RUGBY

At 5 p.m. to-day Club "A" will meet Navy "A" at the Valley.

Following are the teams:
Navy "A"—P. O. Slough, L. A. C. Gracie, P. O. Wilson, Tel. Honeywell, S/Lt. McGill, Lt. Carter, Lt. Cdr. Clark, Ldg. Sig. Ingalls, S/Lt. Brewer, S/Lt. Beattie, A. B. Longmuir, L. S. Jones, Ord. Sea. Taylor, Cdt. Thorn and Cdt. Hurley.

Reserves—P. O. Wtr. Snell, Ldg. Sea. Ravenscroft, A. B. Lilley, Tel. Faulkner, S/Lt. Eager, P. O. Baugh and S/Lt. Dobson.
Club "A"—Rogers, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Stewart, C. F. Needham, H. van Leeuwen, T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clement, C. M. Stark, R. C. Gardner, R. Heaman, A. G. Batzler, R. M. King, J. Moodie, R. G. Castleton and W. Stoker.

Bob Topping, brother of Dan Topping, owner of the Brooklyn football Dodgers, has bought a club in the Hawaiian Island Baseball League.



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Upset Follows Upset At 9th Extra Meeting

By "Rapier"

SENSATIONAL UPSETS featured the Ninth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley on Saturday. This was due to the slightly heavier track on account of the rain which fell the night before, and punters certainly had a terrible time during the afternoon, seven favourites failing one after another until the seventh race, when the favourite just staved off defeat by dead-heating with another outsider.

Income Tax, ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, was instrumental in paying out the second biggest dividend of the year—\$336.30. A new "Daily Double" record was also established when Pumpnickel, with Mr. Proulx up, dead-heated with Brown Derby (Mr. Black) for first position in the second leg, and the solitary ticket-holder on Pumpnickel was rewarded with \$7,572.00 whilst the 23 supporters of Brown Derby each received \$329.20.

Jockey honours deservedly went to Mr. D. Black, with three wins and a third in five starts and special mention should be made of the seventh race when, as the result of very determined riding, he brought Brown Derby in to dead-heat with Pumpnickel for first position. Mr. B. L. Tao was second with two wins and a second, also in five starts. Mr. L. B. Chao's riding in the last race, the Kwangtung Handicap, on which the mammoth \$1.00 sweep depended, should also be recorded as he rode with rare judgment to stave off defeat from Victoria, ridden by Mr. Pih, and the lucky drawer of the winning ticket has much to thank him for.

Honours among the owners were evenly distributed.

Change Of Riders

The first race, the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, a handicap for China ponies—griffins of this season that had started in at least three Extra meetings—was the principal event of the afternoon, and it resulted in the first upset of the day, Dupont Bay, which was third in the Double Tenth Plate with Mr. Sung up, scoring a fine win under Mr. Black. O-Lan, which placed second to Eve of Harvest last time out, was made hot favourite with Mr. Sung up, but without the services of Mr. Needa it had to be content with being second, losing by 1½ lengths to its stable-mate Dupont Bay, which was the second string from Mr. T. K. Li's stable.

A fast pace was set by Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei), winner of the Double Tenth Plate, as soon as the barrier was lifted, followed by Dupont Bay, Gay Star (Mr. Tao), Johnber (Mr. Chao) and O-Lan. There was no change in the position after passing the ½ mile post, but on rounding the Village bend Mr. Black sent Dupont Bay forward to pass Distinctive Time, which tried its best to catch up but to no avail, having to be satisfied with third position after O-Lan had passed it near the 100 yards post.

Biggest Dividend

Biggest dividend of the day was paid by Income Tax, cleverly ridden by Mr. Tao, in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (first section) confined to "B" Class Australian ponies. Springhurst (Mr. Poy) monopolised the betting to the extent of 2,522 tickets in the win booths, and it certainly looked a winner fifty yards from the winning post, but it could only manage third place.

Franklin (Mr. Chao) took the lead for a short while and was then overhauled by Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), which had disappointed punters at the last two meetings, and it maintained its lead until nearing the Members' Stand, when the favourite, Springhurst, forged slightly ahead. Fair Chance then reasserted itself, but as these two ponies were fighting it out Income Tax, to the surprise of all, came through on the outside with a great burst of speed to overhaul the leaders and win by a short head from its stable-mate Fair Chance, which was a short head in front of Springhurst.

Novice Upset

The third race, the Werribee Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies was contested by Novice jockeys for the first time, and it resulted in yet another upset. Quick Despatch (Mr. Cooper) carried the bulk of the money, with Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) next in demand. Tarzan made

the running, followed by Winnie (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), Colorado Star (Mr. Sequeira), Quick Despatch and Sea Urchin (Mr. Chui). This position was maintained until after passing the ¼ mile starting gate, when Mr. Chiu sent Winnie forward to overtake Tarzan and romp home an easy winner by five lengths, with Quick Despatch third, another three lengths behind.

Avon Surprises

The fourth race, the Wyndham Handicap for "B" Class China ponies over the Champions distance, again saw the favourite fall by the wayside. Red Feather (Mr. Wei) was backed to the tune of 1,965 win tickets, followed by Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) with 1,683 and Galaxy (Mr. Tao) with 1,653 and all three disappointed! The race started with Jobber (Mr. Chao) taking the lead, followed by Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), Red Feather, Galaxy and Avon (Mr. Black), the ultimate winner. No change was noticed until after passing the Rock, when Red Feather and Galaxy passed Jobber together, both fighting to take the lead with Galaxy having the better of the argument on reaching the last quarter, followed closely by Bear Claw (Mr. Trevorton), Avon and Rose Emily. On coming down the straight Red Feather and Bear Claw fell out of the race leaving Galaxy hotly challenged by Avon for first position, and the latter took the lead on reaching the mile post and went on to win by 1½ lengths with Rose Emily third, another four lengths away.

Disqualification

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Moore Park Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double" and in which the favourite, Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), again failed. Lancashire Chips, as usual, took an immediate lead, followed by Ascot Day (Mr. Hearne). On rounding the bend Lancashire Chips was still leading, but was overhauled by Ascot Day after passing the two-mile post gate and the latter looked every inch a winner. To the consternation of the crowd, however, it was passed near the post by Mr. Ip Kui-ying who had begun to apply his whip on Vanity Fair, and this win paid the second best win dividend of the day.

After the race the protest flag was hoisted and the Stewards subsequently held an enquiry into the riding of Mr. Ip, and it was later revealed that they had decided to disqualify Vanity Fair for bumping and boring, and the official result was given as follows:

- 1st. Ascot Day
- 2nd. Lancashire Chips
- 3rd. Viceroy (Mr. Black).

Favourite Second

The sixth race, the Ballarat Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies, resulted in another surprise for punters. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy) was made favourite, but it disappointed badly. Centre Court (Mr. Sung) adopted run-away tactics immediately the gate was released, followed by Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) and Twilight Star (Mr. S. W. Tang). Rounding the bend it was still leading and running strongly, but it found Cheerful Star a hard nut to crack and was passed in the straight. Cheerful Star went on to win by two lengths from Piccadilly Jim, which was second, 1½ lengths in front of Centre Court.

Thrilling Finish

Quite an interesting finish was witnessed in the seventh race, the Nullah Nullah Handicap (second section), which was also the second leg of the "Daily Double" and in which the only favourite of the day did not disappoint, although it dead-heated for first position with Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) another outsider. Punters placed their money on Brown Derby (Mr. Black), which was recently promoted. Pumpnickel was off like a

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flash immediately the gate went up, followed by Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) and Sea Jay (Mr. Craven), and this order was maintained until passing the Rock, when Pumpnickel was being challenged by A Roaring Time (Mr. Wei). On rounding the bend into the home straight Pumpnickel bored out slightly, but not enough to jeopardise its chances of winning, and it was running sufficiently well to indicate a win, but Brown Derby, after passing A Roaring Time, came up on the outside and scored a thrilling dead-heat win with Pumpnickel.

Had Mr. Proulx ridden the same finish as he did on Fair Chance in a previous race, Brown Derby would not have had a chance to catch up with it. Mr. Proulx made the mistake of turning his head to see who was behind him at a critical stage of the race and by so doing he retarded the pony's running. In that split second Mr. Black saw his opportunity and with a great effort he forged Brown Derby forward to dead-heat to the delight of his admirers and to the sorrow of the only backer of Pumpnickel in the "Daily Double".

Punters Shaken

The last race of the day, the Kwangtung Handicap, on which the result of the big \$1.00 sweep depended, was certainly the most disastrous for punters. The public was so confident in Victoria (Mr. Pih) to win this race that 3,588 backers backed it to win. Once again Victoria disappointed, carrying 168 lbs., Thirty Six (Mr. Chao) was not conceded much of a chance of winning according to the betting, but it confounded the critics.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Sung) jumped out into the lead, followed by Eve of Hunting (Mr. Black), Just In Time (Mr. Wei), Victoria and Taxing Master (Mr. Tao). After passing the six furlongs post Taxing Master moved up to second position and Victoria was fourth. On passing the Rock, Victoria moved up to second position and on coming round the

'NAUTICAL TORTOISE' HAS ITS DAY

A NAUTICAL tortoise had its day when Sidney A. Allen won the historic Gold Cup in Hotsy Totsy III at Long Island, America, recently.

It was the first time Sid Allen ever competed for the ancient urn. He is 32 . . . runs a small boat yard, operates a motion picture theatre and roller skating rink and dabbles in real estate at Hampton Bays, L. I.

In a boat which had been considered a flop, and for which he paid only \$1,200, Allen snatched the coveted trophy by outlasting craft capable of 70 miles an hour and which cost \$35,000.

Slowest Time In 16 Years

Allen's time was the slowest in 16 years. He averaged less than 49 miles an hour in piling up 800 points in capturing the first two heats.

Hotsy Totsy III, a little two-step, mahogany-hulled, 22-foot affair, is to its owner the least expensive packet ever to bag the cup, and Allen did not receive the bill of sale from the widow of Victor Klesrath until shortly before the race.

Klesrath had Hotsy Totsy III constructed at a cost of \$15,000 in 1927, and considered her a failure after her cup bow that year.

bend Thirty Six shot out from the bunch at a terrific speed to take the lead on the outside with Victoria, hugging the rails, slightly behind. Stride by stride these two ponies raced on with both jockeys using the whip freely to urge their ponies on, but try as he did Mr. Pih simply could not push Victoria ahead and had to admit defeat by a short head. It was undoubtedly due to Mr. Chao's fine riding that Thirty Six beat Victoria by a short head, with Blue Gate (Mr. Chang) third, three lengths behind.

MY SIN was put out of the first heat at Northport Harbour, L. I., and Zalmon Simmons was forced to abandon all hope of defending the cup he won in Detroit last September when in the second round rain clogged the magnetos of the fastest thing entered.

Notre Dame Wins 3rd Heat

HERBERT Mendelson's Notre Dame couldn't get a tow for 30 minutes after being forced out of the first heat, and so much time was lost rescuing the Detroit creation that she couldn't be repaired in time for the second.

Notre Dame, with Danny Arena at the helm, won the third heat by miles . . . averaging 69.77.

Lou Fageol put water in the hull of So Long for the trip from Los Angeles. The idea was to keep the Californian from drying out, but the ignition, wiring and starter went blooie.

Gar Wood Jr.'s "Tinker Joy" folds

TWO of the three motors in George Cannon's new Gray Goose III chucked it all. Gar Wood Jr.'s Tinker Joy folded.

Only the despised Hotsy Totsy III and the 15-year-old Miss Syndicate, which isn't even a hydroplane, escaped being crippled.

Not one of the half dozen starters went the entire 90 miles represented by three 30-mile heats, but Hotsy Totsy III kept chugging right along until flagged off the course in the final test because she couldn't finish within nine minutes of the first boat, Notre Dame.

When Notre Dame finally did get going, she was 10 miles ahead, but it was too late.

As Herb Mendelson remarked, it was enough to make a fellow remain on land forever.

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LAVAL SEES HITLER

Hitler yesterday received Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier, according to the German wireless. Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, was present at the interview.

Hitler is at present somewhere in France, where he received Laval, the German wireless announced later, but the actual meeting place was not revealed.

Meanwhile despatches from Berlin received in New York agree that Ribbentrop has left the German capital.

He is generally believed to be on his way to Vichy or Madrid or both and it is hinted that a final peace settlement with the Petain Government may be in the wind.

Comment Of French Ambassador

On leaving the office of Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, after a talk yesterday, M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador, told waiting

Petain the Obstacle --To Be Removed?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING YESTERDAY BETWEEN HITLER AND PIERRE LAVAL, FRENCH VICE-PREMIER, IS BELIEVED TO BE TO BRING CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE AXIS IN THE WAR.

It is believed France will be offered generous peace terms, and possibly a share in the spoils of the British Empire, if she helps to defeat Britain.

The fact that Vichy made no announcement on the Hitler-Laval meeting is regarded in some quarters as extremely significant.

Reporters he had not the slightest information, direct or indirect, about reports that France might enter the war on Germany's side.

The Ambassador was understood to have discussed a proposal to send additional United States observers to Martinique.

M. Haye declined to comment directly on the report but said the American and French Governments were trying to determine what to do with the 100 American-made war planes which the French aircraft-carrier Bearn had taken there.

In answer to questions about the Vichy Government's reaction to Mr. Churchill's address, M. Haye said: "I don't know. I only know my own. I was very much impressed but if he had said something about easing the blockade for the benefit of French women and children, that would touch the French people very much." — Reuter.

Reports were current early yesterday that Marshal Petain had refused to agree to demands that France throw her lot in with the Axis.

If this is true perhaps Hitler is planning a new French Government under Laval.

It is believed one of the first things the Hitler-Laval meeting is likely to accomplish is to end the technical state of war still existing between France and Germany.

If the French Government is willing to support the Axis it is thought Hitler might agree to an immediate peace settlement by which France would be assured of retaining most of her pre-war territory both at home and in the Empire, though possibly with the exception of Alsace-Lorraine, Savoy and Djibouti.

Baudoin In The Swim

In return France might be offered portions of the British Empire, especially in North Africa, if and when Britain is defeated.

Meanwhile the French Foreign Minister, M. Paul Baudoin, told American correspondents yesterday: "Collaboration with Germany is absolutely necessary."

"If we look at the map and consider the importance of the Franco-German bloc we realise the absurdity of the previous policy which had France and Germany continually opposing one another."

"That policy of errors was the main reason for the war of 1939. That war was caused by the incapacity of statesmen to organise a realistic balance of power in Western Europe."

M. Baudoin said Europe would be reorganised before many months and said France must be prepared. — International News Service.

STOLE WREATH FROM A GRAVE

Au Fong, 22, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, for stealing an artificial wreath from a grave in the Colonial Cemetery.

Dr. I. Newton, of Kowloon Hospital, has reported the theft of silver ware, valued at \$75, from his quarters, between 9.30 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. yesterday.

CRUEL FRAUD

Lau Kwai-lan, 35, married woman, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, with obtaining money by false pretences.

It was alleged that on October 4 and yesterday, defendant obtained \$1.50 each from two women by pretending that she could obtain employment for them.

Defendant was remanded for 48 hours.

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NANTAO PRECAUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN NANTAO, THE CHINESE AREA OF SHANGHAI.

When the Japanese re-opened Nantao a month ago, the step greatly aided revival of business and trade prosperity.

With the growth of its population, however, "undesirable" elements filtered through and the special precautionary measures re-introduced in the area include special passes. — Hayas.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reliable sources in Shanghai state that General Abe, Special Envoy to the puppet Chinese government in Nanking, has been recalled to Tokyo owing to his failure to reach an agreement with Wang Ching-wel.

General Abe was given the task of negotiating "the conclusion of peace."

The same source states that Japan may now attempt direct negotiations with Chiang Kai-shek.—Our Own Correspondent.

ENGLAND'S FOOD POSITION

Reviewing the food situation in the Commons yesterday the Minister of Agriculture said it had been rapidly improving. Total production in foodstuffs, said Mr. Hudson, had been materially increased.

The result of the efforts of farmers had been not only an increase in the amount of foodstuffs grown but in livestock population.

The second winter of the war was therefore entered upon with considerably increased reserves of meat on the hoof.

British agriculture was in a well balanced condition to meet demands which next year's campaign would make.

As a result of conversations with the Minister, the governors of the principal banks had appointed liaison officers in every county to discuss with county agricultural executive committees any difficulties of individual farmers, who, in the opinion of the committee, ought to have credit and had been unable to get it.

Agricultural labour had been adequate during the year thanks to recruitment from various sources, including the Land Army and volunteers from schools and universities.

The Minister of food had agreed to stabilise the price of feeding stuffs until next year and the Ministry of Supply had agreed to stabilise the price of fertilisers.

Taking the whole of agriculture and prices together, conditions now created gave that stability and security of reasonable remuneration for which for years the farming community had been asking.—British Wireless.

STRIKE SETTLED

TRAMS AND BUSES ARE RESUMING TO-DAY IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION IN SHANGHAI FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF THE MONTH-LONG STRIKE LED BY THE PRO-NANKING LABOUR UNION.

It is reported that the French Tramway Company has recognised the new union and has increased wages \$6 a month.

Thirty-five were arrested for rioting during the strike which was one of the longest in the city's history.—Reuter.

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